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WEEK DAYS

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...	...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.55	5.29	7.10
Yaumati...	...Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38	7.19
Shatin ...	...Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51	7.31
Taipo ...	...Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
Taipo Market	...Dep.	7.21	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.08	7.48
Fanling ...	...Dep.	7.33	10.03	11.18	12.43	2.03	5.24	6.19	7.58
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.36	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.28	6.23	8.02
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.42	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.29	8.08

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shumchun	...Dep.	7.21	8.05	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	6.08
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.28	8.12	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	6.15
Fanling ...	...Dep.	7.33	8.16	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	6.19
Taipo Market	...Dep.	7.42	8.26	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	6.29
Taipo ...	...Dep.	7.46	8.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	6.33
Shatin ...	...Dep.	7.59	8.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	6.46
Yaumati...	...Dep.	8.12	8.56	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	6.58
Kowloon...	...Arr.	8.20	9.03	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11	7.06

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...	...Dep.	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.22	5.29	7.10
Yaumati...	...Dep.	6.50	—	9.24	10.39	12.09	2.31	5.38	7.19
Shatin ...	...Dep.	7.02	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	2.43	5.51	7.31
Taipo ...	...Dep.	7.16	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	2.56	6.05	7.44
Taipo Market	...Dep.	7.21	—	9.53	11.08	12.38	3.00	6.09	7.48
Fanling ...	...Dep.	7.32	—	10.03	11.18	12.48	3.11	6.20	7.58
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.36	9.12	10.07	11.23	12.52	3.15	6.24	8.02
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.42	9.18	10.13	11.28	12.58	3.21	6.30	8.08

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shumchun	...Dep.	8.12	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.20	5.40	6.09
Sheungshui	...Dep.	8.19	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.27	5.47	6.16
Fanling ...	...Dep.	8.23	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	—	5.51	6.20
Taipo Market	...Dep.	8.33	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	—	6.01	6.30
Taipo ...	...Dep.	8.37	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	—	6.05	6.34
Shatin ...	...Dep.	8.51	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.55	—	6.18	6.47
Yaumati...	...Dep.	9.03	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.07	—	6.30	6.59
Kowloon...	...Arr.	9.11	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.15	6.04	6.38	7.07

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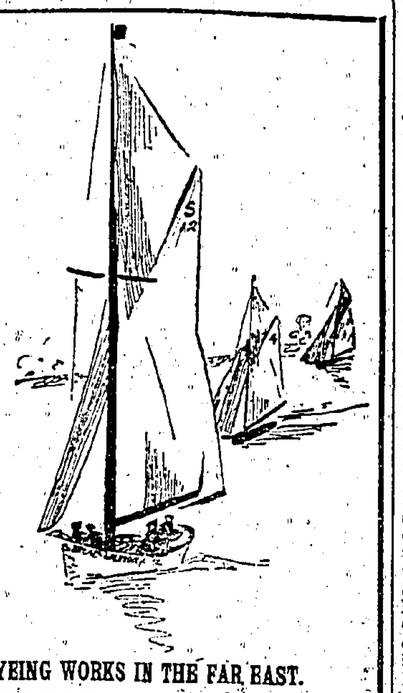

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SCOTTISH LETTER.

POLICY OF SCOTTISH SOCIALISTS.

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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, January 13th.

The Independent Labour party organisation in Scotland, which held a divisional conference in Edinburgh is deeply tinged with Socialism of the Clydeside hue. Its self-adopted mission appears to be to "ginger up" the movement as a whole, which is becoming too Fabian in tactics to suit its taste. The issue which at the moment is causing embarrassment among the Labour-Socialists is whether, in the event of industries being nationalised, compensation should be awarded or not. The annual conference of the Labour party at Liverpool declared that it should; the Trade Union Congress at Scarborough decided that it should not. It is known that the Parliamentary Socialist party, who were asked by the miners to promote another Bill for nationalisation of the mines, could not agree upon this question of compensation or confiscation. The proposals the miners themselves are to lay before the Coal Commission will, it is understood, include confiscation of mining royalties. Although the Independent Labour party in a party memorandum have advocated the principle of compensation in the nationalising of industries, the Scottish Conference has just decided by a large majority in the opposite sense. The Executive Committee made the cautious proposal that each case should be settled on its merits "at the right time." But the majority of the Conference had no use for this temporising and evasive policy, and declared boldly for confiscation in every case. It is to be hoped that small investors and other "capitalists" will appreciate this intimation that Socialism necessarily involves the loss of their savings. On the other hand, the compensationists are in favour of what is really veiled confiscation; they propose artificially to depreciate the assets of an industry so that it can be taken over at a low valuation.

If, as was proposed, a stricter discipline is to be imposed on the freedom of speech of members of the party, a sort of heresy hunt is in prospect, for it seems to be the prerogative of every Socialist to give his own definition of what Socialism means. Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell has had the courage to support the Government scheme for the construction of Weir steel houses, and for this he is being denounced by his fellow-Socialists. He has said, what is clearly true, that there is no Trade Union principle involved as the building trade representatives seek to make out, because if steel houses are to be produced, as Lord Weir proposes, not by building trade, but by engineering labour, it is for the engineering and not the building Trade Unions to concern themselves with the appropriate rates of pay. The Conference nevertheless recommended Socialist members of Parliament and Socialist Town Councillors in Scotland to oppose schemes for steel houses unless they conformed to the conditions and wages applicable to the building industry.

LAURISTON CASTLE FOR THE NATION.

By the generosity of its recent owners, the late Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reid, the ancient and beautiful property of Lauriston Castle has been presented to the nation. The fine library which it possesses along with the residue of the estate has been given to the Scottish National Library. The Castle and its grounds, are situated between Davidson's Mains and the Cramond shore, within four miles of Edinburgh. The Castle has had an eventful history. It was destroyed in 1544, along with many others of its kind, at the hands of some of Henry VIII.'s vandals. Later the Tower was rebuilt and future reconstruction has earned for the Castle the description of a peaceful dwelling-house growing about the feet of an old peel. Perhaps the most interesting part of its history is associated with the Laws, who possessed it for a century and a half. This was a truly remarkable family. William Law, the founder of the Laws of Lauriston, was the great-grandson of James Law, Archbishop of Glasgow from 1615 to 1632. He followed the profession of a goldsmith in Edinburgh, apparently a lucrative for it enabled him to purchase the lands of Lauriston. He did not long enjoy his new property, his eldest son John falling heir to it in 1684. This John of Lauriston has been described as "one of the most remarkable characters of modern times," and the details of his life give colour to the description. A duel in London resulted in his being put on trial and found guilty of murder. He escaped, however, and made his way to France. There his enterprise raised him to the high rank of Comptroller-General of the finances of France. But a disastrous project which he started, the Mississippi scheme, proved as disastrous to France, as the South Sea Bubble did to Britain, and he died in 1729 in a state of indigence.

"DRY" DUNDEE.

Following the example of Glasgow and Aberdeen, Dundee Town Council, with only one dissentient, has gone "dry,"—no excisable liquors shall be provided by the Corporation at any of their functions. Even the famous "burst" at the annual inspection of the waterworks is abolished. One member of the Town Council confessed that "he really used to think that they had little faith in their water supply when they needed something to kill the microbes." And it is on record that a Town Councillor of the olden time said that the only liquor not inspected on the official visit was the water.

ROYAL CALEDONIAN SCHOOLS.

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THE BIBLE IN CHINA.

A meeting of the directors of the National Bible Society of Scotland was held in Glasgow, Sir Malcolm Smith presiding. Owing to the greatly increased demand for the Scriptures in China, it has been found necessary to send out a new agent to that field. Mr. Baker, who was a student at the Bible Training Institute, and who bore excellent credentials, has been appointed to this post, and it is expected that he will sail this month.

FRENCHMEN, SCOTS, AND RUGBY.

As an excited Scot I wanted to see Scotland play France at Rugby (writes Mr. J. A. Ferguson) so the mud and the rain mattered not. There was something familiar in both, and I was reminded of the serpent-like column of people one used to see long ago making for a cup-tie at Ibrox or Parkhead. A more externally excited crowd this, all agog to see a French triumph over—well, whom?—"Les Anglaises." Yes, that is what they called the Scots XV. Les Anglaises! Think of it! After a time it irritated me. Just then I was feeling extremely nationalistic, of course. I ventured a protest and a correction. "Toute la meme chose," came the response. Inside I found still less to remind me of Glasgow. This crowd booed every success of "Les Anglaises"—every try, every penalty, each goal-kick brought forth its loud boo-boo! It was pleasing to me now to see them get so many opportunities. No, the Frenchman is not yet a sport. Still, he might well be expected to know the difference between England and Scotland. And, for all the splendid victory, I came away ruffled by the phrase "Les Anglaises."

Outside the Hotel de Louvre next morning I saw a handsome motor charabanc decorated with the French and British flags. Enquiry led to the information that this vehicle was waiting for the Scottish team. The first man to come out was Gillies, and I tackled him (verbally, of course) on the matter. "Why haven't you the Scottish flag there!" I asked. Gillies looked at the display of little flags. "I don't know," he said, rather taken aback, as I could see. "Do you know the crowd called you 'the English'?" "They called us all sorts of bad names I know," Gillies replied, "but I never heard them call us that." He tried to soothe me down.

"TA KILT."

The Cameron Highlanders have caused a sensation in Wiesbaden, but wearers of the kilt in foreign lands cannot expect to go unremarked. Occasionally the attentions have been embarrassing, as when a Highland regiment was stationed in Sicily early last century. A paragraph in a newspaper of 1806 explains the course of events:—

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SOME GOLF YARNS.

In his new book, "Golfing Reminiscences," Mr. William Reid, of Edinburgh, the doyen of British sports journalists, has presented us with an interesting summary of golf history during the past 35 years. Spiced with a number of anecdotes about the principal players, amateur and professional, we are introduced to the fierce rivalries between St. Andrews and Musselburgh. Andrew Kirkaldy declared of the gallery at the latter place that "bullocks couldna' ha'e behaved much worse." On one occasion old Ben Sayers picked up a weed from off the line of his putt, and a violent altercation ensued as to whether or not the weed was growing or lying dead when lifted. Of the gay and gallant "Freddy" Tait it is related how at Sandwich in 1898, the night before a championship success, he electrified the sleeping community by playing the bagpipes through the tortuous streets of the burgh. Mr. Reid tells us that when the London newspapers awakened to the value of golf as "copy," the sub-editors were scarcely competent to handle the reports. At least, so one gathers from the fact that a wire sent to a London paper "White went round in 75" appeared in print as "White has broken the record at Sandwich, going round in 7mins. 5secs." One more yarn, and it is about that precious pair, Kirkaldy and Sayers at St. Andrews in the course of a foursome. The ball had landed on the railway. "Lend's yer wee mashie," said the one who had to play the shot. "Na, na," was the dry rejoinder, "Brek yer ain club."

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COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

EFFECTS OF THE BOYCOTT.

The 106th ordinary meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, was held yesterday morning at the Company's Office, No. 4A, Des Vœux Road Central. The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak presided, and there were present: Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Messrs. W. E. Clarke, T. G. Weall, J. M. Alves, H. Staples Smith, R. M. Austin (Directors), Mr. John Arnold (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. George S. Zimmern, S. H. Michael, L. S. Greenhill, Cheng Ching Po, S. Danenberg, J. Owen Hughes, Paul Lauder and G. E. Towns.

The CHAIRMAN said: The Directors' Report and Auditors' Statements having been in your hands for some days I propose with your consent to follow the usual custom of taking them as read.

For obvious reasons, gentlemen, you will, I am sure, realise that it is difficult and indeed would be unwise for me to dwell at length on the incidents of the past seven months, which are common knowledge to you all. Under all the circumstances the balance sheet may be considered satisfactory. For the first six months of the year, our trading results compared very favourably with the average figures of preceeding years, and given normal times we feel certain we could have set before you a good balance sheet. The year has been marked by the strike in June and the subsequent boycott of British shipping in South China. Our Macao service was suspended from 18th June to 27th July when one boat was put on the run. Less than a month later, the 22nd August, the full service to Macao was resumed.

EXPECTATIONS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

In September, at the request of the Authorities, and in consultation with the Government, the *Honam* reopened the Canton sailing, and we have maintained our Canton sailings continuously ever since. It was obvious that the boats could not earn a profit, but it was felt by your Directors that it was in the interests of all to maintain communication with Shameen and Canton and our flag upon the river. I have reason to believe that we shall receive financial support from the Government in meeting the loss which has been involved in giving vital and essential service, which is not likely to be forgotten by our loyal supporters, Chinese as well as foreign, when times are once more normal and our fleet is in full operation.

TRIBUTE TO FLOATING STAFF.

It is fitting here that I should record the high appreciation of your Directors of the services of the floating staff under especially the trying conditions which have prevailed, and I may say that on restarting the Canton service with the *Honam* and when satisfactory insurance on the lives of the officers and crew had not yet been completed, to a man, from Captain downwards, the officers volunteered to sail without.

THE NEW STEAMBOAT.

Our fleet has been added to since last we met by the new *Taishan* which promises to be the most popular boat on the river, as she will unquestionably be the most beautiful and best equipped. She is being "worked in" temporarily on the Macao run and we hope the general public will take the opportunity of visiting Macao whilst they can do so under the comfortable, not to say luxurious conditions which this vessel affords. She re-placed our old friend the *Honam* which, after 43 years' very faithful service, was sold for breaking up purposes last December. Her passing removes one of the oldest "landmarks" on the river, and, to the end, her machinery and engines were a tribute to the integrity and superiority of British engineering and shipbuilding.

THE ACCOUNTS.

Turning now to the accounts, your Directors have transferred the sum of $60,000 from depreciation fund which, added to the net profits for the year, and the amount brought forward from last year of $30,076.27, makes a total of $108,246.82, which your Directors recommend be dealt with as follows:—

To write off book value of steamers	$60,500.00
To write off book value of wharves	26,350.00
To write off book value of office furniture	2,937.25
Making a total of	$89,787.25

and carrying forward to the New Profit and Loss Account a sum of $18,459.57.

NO DIVIDEND THIS YEAR.

We regret that owing to the present financial position of the Company, the prevailing tightness of the money market coupled with the inadvisability of realising the Company's holdings in local stocks at their present low level, which will doubtless commend itself to you, since they are first-class investments, they are unable to recommend the payment of any dividend this year. Our fleet has been further written down during the year and has, as usual, been maintained in good order and condition. It is futile, gentlemen, to speak of the future, and I can only close with the expression of sincere

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hope that before very long the present unfortunate disagreements between here and Canton, which for many months now have disturbed our former happy relations, will pass away and mutual trade once more resume its sway between the two ports without which neither of us can hope to satisfactorily develop the great trading opportunities which await us both with the return of settled and peaceful conditions.

LATE MR. CHAU SIU KI.

It would be ill-fitting for me to sit down without referring to the tragical death of our esteemed friend and colleague, Mr. Chau Siu Ki, whose untimely end distressed us all, and indeed the whole Colony. He was a most regular attendant at our Board meetings and we were profoundly impressed with his sagacity and wide knowledge in handling the many problems which arise during the course of the year in handling such a Company as this. To his surviving family I tender, on behalf of us all, our sincerest sympathy in their great bereavement. To many of us gathered in this room he was an intimate personal friend whom we could ill afford to lose, and shall mourn for many a day.

I do not think I can usefully add more to what I have already said, gentlemen, and I now formally propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented and after the motion has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any enquiries you may desire to put to me to the best of my ability.

SECONDER'S SPEECH.

Mr. L. S. GREENHILL, in seconding, said: It gives me much pleasure to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented. After the interesting speech of the Chairman, I think it quite unnecessary for me to make any other comments. Considering the conditions which have ruled during the last six months of our working year, I think all shareholders will join me in voicing our appreciation of the very satisfactory work done by our Directors, our staff afloat and on shore under more than normally trying conditions. With these few words I beg to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented.

There were no questions and the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED.

On the proposition of Mr. ZIMMERN, seconded by Mr. MICHAEL, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. R. M. Austin were re-elected directors.

On the proposition of Mr. J. OWEN-HUGHES, seconded by Mr. G. E. Towns, Mr. J. M. Alves and Mr. R. M. Austin, retiring directors, were re-elected.

Messrs. Linstead & Davies, and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were re-elected auditors at a fee of $1,000 each. This was proposed by Mr. ZIMMERN, seconded by Mr. CHENG CHING PO, and carried unanimously.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

FEBRUARY 16TH, 1926.

Hongkong Bank	$1,045 buy.
Do., London	£127 nom.
Chartered Bank	£21½ nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£29½ nom.
Do., C.	£18½ nom.
P. & O. Bank	£9½ nom.
East Asia Bank	$85 nom.
Canton Insurance	$585 sa.
China Underwriters	$3 sel.
North China Insurance	Tls. 145 nom.
Union Insurance	$261 buy.
Yangtsze Insurance	$35 buy.
China Fire Insurance	$165 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	$520 buy.
Douglases	$30 sel.
H.K., C. & M. Steamboats	$22 sel.
Hongkong Tugs	$3½ sel.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$38 nom.
Do. (Def.),	$30 sel.
Shell Transports	93/6 buy.
Star Ferries	$52 buy. & sa.
Waterboats	$16 buy.
Oriental Navigations	$250 nom.
China Sugars	$24 buy.
Malabon Sugars	$39 sel.
Benguets	$1½ nom.
Kailan Mining Ad.	44/- nom.
Langkats (combined)	Tls. 23 buy.
Do. (single)	Tls. 12 nom.
Shanghai Explorations	Tls. 5 nom.
Shanghai Loans	Tls. 7 nom.
Raubs	Tls. 5 buy.
Tronoh Mines	55/- nom.
Ural Caspians	8/- nom.
H.K. & K. Wharfs	$122 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	$52 buy.
Hongkews	Tls. 165 buy.
New Engineerings	Tls. 7 nom.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 108 sel.
H.K. & S. Hotels	$7.60 buy., 7½ sa.
Hongkong Lands	$61 buy., 60 sa.
Hongkong Realtys (c.p.)	$5 nom.
H.K. Territorials (f.p.)	$6 buy.
Humphreys Estates	$13 nom.
Prince's Buildings	$120 sel.
Rural Lands	$7 sel.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 9 buy.
Orientals	Tls. 3 nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	Tls. 55 sel.
Do. (new)	Tls. 27 sel.
Amusements	$11 buy.
Canton Ices	$7½ nom.
Cements (combined)	$14 nom.
Do. (old)	$12 nom.
Do. (new)	$2½ nom.
China Buses	Tls. 10½ buy.
China Lights (combined)	$14 buy.
Do. (old)	$10 buy., 11 sel.
Do. (new)	$6½ buy.
China Providents	$7½ nom.
Constructions	$3.10 buy.
Dairy Farms	$15 buy.
Der A Wing (f.p.)	$10 nom.
Hongkong Electrics	$51½ buy.
Macao Electrics	$40 nom.
H.K. Developments	25 cts. buy.
H.K. Ropes (combined)	$40 sel.
Do. (old)	$13½ nom.
Do. (new)	$8½ nom.
Hongkong Tramways	$20½ buy.
Lane Crawfords	$12 sel.
Mackintoshs	$21½ nom.
Peak Trams (old)	$17 buy.
Do. (new) (c.p.)	$7 nom.
Sincere's	$11 sel.
Taxis	$4 sel.
United Asbestos	$20 nom.
Watsons (old)	$12 sel.
Do. (new)	$12 sel.
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Berlin	20.43	Lisbon	2½
Stockholm	18.16	Buenos Aires	46½
Copenhagen	18.71	Bombay	1/6.3-16
		Shanghai	3/0⅜
		Hongkong	2/4½
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SOVIET MERCANTILE FLEET SUED.

THE QUESTION OF JURISDICTION AT SHANGHAI.

That the Sortorgflot, or the Soviet Mercanttile Fleet, is a Russian Government organization, and cannot be sued in the local courts, was the contention of Dr. Fischer, counsel for defendants, in a case at the Mixed Court, Shanghai, last week. The *N.-C. Daily News* says Dr. Fischer submitted that the Fleet possesses sovereign rights, namely, those appertaining to Governments alone. That all claims for alleged damages must be decided in Moscow was stated to be the principle on which the ships were operated.

This assertion arose from a petition filed in the Mixed Court for Tls. 260,000 against the Russian Volunteer Fleet by Rizaeff Frères, alleged damages due because of non-delivery of cargoes of tea in 1916 and 1917 according to contract. The petition was filed on December 16th, by Mr. Tycho Wing, counsel for plaintiffs. On December 17th he was informed by the Court to make separate causes of action for the various items. Notice was served finally on December 24th.

According to counsel for plaintiff the name plate of the Russian Volunteer Fleet was taken down on December 21st.

The Mixed Court records show that on December 30th, Messrs. Musso & Fischer wrote to them, saying that the Russian Volunteer Fleet had ceased to exist, and as the notice had been sent to the offices of the Soviet Mercantile Fleet, which had no connection with the former company, they were returning the document, evidently left there by mistake.

Counsel for plaintiff then on January 12th, 1926, asked that the Court authorities give notice to the Sovtorgflot as assignees and/or representatives in title of defendant to submit to judgment. On January 22nd, February 3rd and 10th evidence was taken at the Mixed Court.

In giving evidence for plaintiff, Captain Ryndik, ex-harbour master of the port of Vladivostok, stated that the two fleets were one and the same.

Ivan Sorokin, of the Soviet Trade Mission in Shanghai, for defendant, said that the two fleets were not the same—the S.M.F. was an official organization, while the R.V.F. still had offices in Moscow, though they had none in Shanghai. He could not say what was paid for the ships or what assets existed in Moscow.

According to further evidence, introduced by Mr. Wing in cross-examination of Mr. Elleder, it was shown that witness had written a business letter for the Russian Volunteer Fleet on September 17th, or two days after the date on which he said that the company ceased to exist. It was further shown that the only publicly known of announcement of cessation of business by the R.V.F., was made on December 21st, 1925, three months after the alleged demise of the company. This was several days after the petition of plaintiff was filed in the Mixed Court.

The evidence concluded, Dr. Fischer argued for the sovereign rights of his clients, while Mr. Wing countered saying that, despite the action in Court, if this was a government body and not subject to suit, no business companies would send cargo with their ships.

Counsel for defence has 14 days to file legal briefs, after which counsel for plaintiff will be granted another 14 days for a counter brief.

FENG'S RAILWAY PLAN.

AN "ADVANCE ON ACCOUNT."

The diplomatic correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* recently wrote as follows:—

It would appear that last autumn Feng Yu Hsiang, who at that time was the undisputed master of Northern China below the Great Wall, negotiated with a foreign syndicate an agreement for the building of a 220-mile branch line linked up with the Peking-Mukden Railway. Under this agreement a maximum expenditure of $3,000,000 was stipulated; also an advance on account to Feng of $600,000 to enable him to pay his troops, to whom the work of laying the railway bed was to be entrusted. The railway bed was to have been completed by the end of February. It would be interesting to learn whether, in the present chaotic circumstances, this part of the work has so far been executed to time, and whether Feng's departure will affect the final result.

SHANGHAI MARKET REPORT.

FEW DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY DEALERS.

MORE OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK FOR FUTURE.

In its latest report on the Shanghai Market, the *N.-C. Daily News* says:—

China merchants have generally been spending their time in adjusting their accounts for the New Year settlement. In some lines, principally export, Chinese firms have done well during the past year, but there is no doubt that heavy losses have had to be faced in various departments of the import trade, for instance in piece-goods. Nevertheless the annual settlement is being carried through without any serious disturbance, and reports of firms going into liquidation are the reverse of numerous.

As is only to be expected trade has been very quiet during the week, although not altogether neglected, and it is satisfactory to be able to state that a very considerable amount of optimism is being displayed with reference to the prospects when business is again resumed.

INTERPORT GOLF.

ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR SHANGHAI.

Yesterday the triangular interport golf tournament between Hongkong, Shanghai and Manila was continued.

Foursomes were played between Shanghai and Hongkong, the Northern port winning all three matches. On the previous day Shanghai won four out of six singles matches played. On Saturday and Sunday Hongkong beat Manila both at singles and foursomes.

The course was over 36 holes.

To a certain extent the golf was spoilt by the high wind which very often blew across the course, making every kind of shot more difficult than usual.

The golf was not up to the standard of the previous day.

The best golfer on view was Blinko, of Shanghai, because the wind did not seem to trouble him at all. He gave a very fine exhibition of long driving, before and after tiffin.

On the Hongkong side, Ferguson and Douglas showed the best form.

Shewan was completely off, and R. M. Smith did not play his usual short game.

FERGUSON AND SHEWAN *v.* BUDD AND BLINKO.

In the morning Budd and Blinko finished 3 up, against Ferguson and Shewan. Blinko played very sound golf and hit a very long drive. Ferguson and Shewan improved in the afternoon, and were only one down at the 12th, but at the next hole Shewan missed an easy put for a win, and it was only halved, and eventually the match was lost by 5 and 2.

SMITH AND DOUGLAS *v.* FERRIER AND MALCOLM.

Ferrier and Malcolm were very steady throughout, and were too good for Smith and Douglas, although the latter played quite a good game. The Shanghai men won by 4 and 2.

PENDERED AND MACKENZIE *v.* PARBURY AND PILCHER.

There was rather a fight between Parbury and Pilcher and Pendered and Mackenzie. At no period of the game during the afternoon was either more than 1 up, and the Shanghai players won on the last green.

RESULTS.

M. W. Budd and A. R. Blinko (Shanghai beat A. H. Ferguson and I. W. Shewan (H.K.), 3 and 2.

J. B. Ferrier and H. R. Malcolm (Shanghai) beat R. M. Smith and W. Douglas (H.K.), 4 and 2.

J. F. Pilcher and L. Parbury (Shanghai) beat A. K. Mackenzie and T. D. E. Pendered (H.K.), 1 up.

CHINA NEW YEAR COMPETITIONS.

At Fanling on February 13th-15th:—

RUNNING BOGEY POOL.
(66 entries).

R. E. Greensmith (15) and W. L. Plew tied at all square and divide both prizes.

Other scores were: S. Hewkins and D. McLaren, both 1 down.

All other competitions were cancelled on account of insufficient entries.

GOLF.

KOWLOON CLUB'S CHAMPION.

The final round of the Kowloon Golf Club Championship was played between Mr. F. E. d'Almada Remedios and Mr. J. Macllagan during the week-end. It was an interesting struggle up to the eighteenth hole, at the end of which Remedios was leading by one up. In the next nine holes, however, he increased his lead to seven up, and finally won by six up and five to play.

JAPANESE CLUB *v.* LUSITANO CLUB.

The Japanese entertained the members of the Lusitano Golf Club to a friendly match at their course at Shatin, on Monday, and after a keen struggle, the visitors won by 9½ points.

During tiffin, the President of the Club toasted the health of the visitors and expressed a hope that it would be an annual fixture. He mentioned that next year their new nine-hole course would be ready.

Mr. F. E. A. Remedios replied on behalf of the Lusitano Golf Club.

CRICKET.

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE MATCH.

The following have been selected to represent the Club in the 1st XI. League Match on Saturday, February 20th, on the home ground *v.* Royal Artillery:—

H. R. B. Hancock (Capt.), A. C. Bowker, A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, J. D. Humphreys, G. P. Lammert, E. R. Mitchell, R. E. H. Oliver, T. E. Pearce, L. P. Ralph, F. N. Young.

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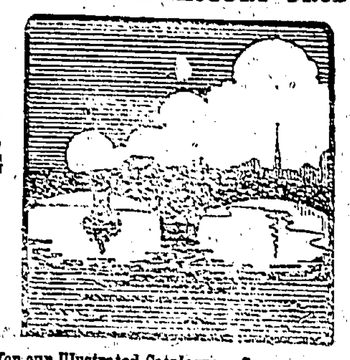

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FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASE.

[FROM A LADY CORRESPONDENT.]

Some spoke of the Epsom, some of the National, and some of Country Point-to-Points, but all agreed that for Hongkong it was something entirely unique. Canton may say we are "down and out," but seldom has the Colony presented a more cheerful face than on Monday in the Enclosure, the Paddock, and the Judge's Box at Fanling.

The Government upheld their maxim of "Sport for the Public" by being well represented, while the Services were as usual to the fore (especially the Senior Service) although, as some remarked, it seemed largely a goodly gathering of the "country gentry"!

Unlike the Annual Race Meeting which many spend largely by the "Tote," a genuine interest was taken even by the uninitiated in the ponies and jockeys. It was not so much a matter of luck as of sport, and most fences had eager eyes watching each effort of the sturdy little beasts.

A general view of the course could be had from the cars, but it may be that, when the Kwanti Race Course is famous throughout the East, a grand stand will afford a fuller view.

The Bookie evidently did good business, judging from the popularity and the "short odds" given, but the suggestion was heard that more of his kind, and deep chested clerks, shouting the odds in louder tones, would create an atmosphere yet more like a Home meeting. (Take away the lines of Bookies at the Derby and you have taken away the colour from the picture).

Of the riders themselves it must be said that each and all rode a hard plucky race, getting the most of their sporting little mounts and taking a "toss" with cheerful face.

It should be added that, while giving good sport, care had been taken that none of the fences were really dangerous to horse or rider. After all this patting of ourselves on the back, is there nothing to be said for the despised China pony himself who showed of what stuff he was made? An excellent article was published on his merits a few days ago but he certainly deserves something more after his performance on Monday. Although small and often quaint-looking, he showed in almost every instance that a heart beat within, which made him—

"So stout o'er the plough and so fleet o'er the grass
So keen and so eager his rivals to pass;
So bold in his rush, the yawns to leap,
So quick and so clever, and seldom asleep"!

The future of Hongkong Sport and the China pony down here seems to be opening out at last, and the ensuing year should see even greater things than on Monday.

In the meantime let us congratulate the Joint Masters who originated the idea that bore such magnificent fruit on Monday, the riders, especially the Lady winner who rode such a splendid race, and above all the stout little animals who made such excellent sport possible.

OBITUARY.

MR. D. K. BLAIR.

The many friends in the Colony of Mr. D. K. Blair, who was connected with the firm of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, and was for three years before his departure from the Colony the Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, will regret to learn of his death in England on the 15th inst.

The late Mr. Blair went home in April 1924 on sick leave, but the state of his health was such as to make his return to the Colony improbable or at least inadvisable, and he was therefore made the recipient of many farewell gifts. Among them was a piece of plate from the Government of Hongkong "as an indication of the Government's appreciation of the services he had rendered to the Colony on various occasions."

The late Mr. Blair was a native of Irvine, Ayrshire. He came out to the East 27 years ago in the service of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., and was in North China during the Boxer rising, and helped to maintain telegraph services at Tientsin and Taku forts. After a period in Shanghai, Mr. Blair came to Hongkong, and in 1911 he joined the staff of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, and was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce (the late Mr. Lowe being then the Secretary). Mr. Blair was appointed Secretary of the Chamber in 1921, and held the post until last year, when his period of leave expired. He was made a Justice of the Peace in 1922.

For some years he was Secretary of the St. Andrew's Society in Hongkong. He was also a keen volunteer in his day, and during the war raised and had charge of the Signalling Section of the Corps until it was disbanded.

He was also prominent in Masonry, being a Past Master of the Eastern Scotia Lodge and at the time of his departure from the Colony he held the office of Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Scotland for Hongkong and South China.

Some few months after he arrived in England Mr. Blair became interested in the Eastbury House Hotel at Northwood, Middlesex, a private residential hotel formed by a number of people who had lived in the Far East. Mr. Blair took on the duties of Secretary while Mrs. Blair became the manageress, but owing to the state of Mr. Blair's health, their association with the Northwood enterprise was severed some months ago.

The deceased leaves a widow, one son and two daughters to mourn his loss.

The flags were at half-mast yesterday over the Chamber of Commerce Offices, the Hongkong Club, and the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club. With the latter Club the deceased was very actively associated for many years, and at the time he left the Colony he was filling the position of Commodore.

LEIPZIG FAIR.

FILM OF ITS PROGRESS TO BE SHOWN.

"The Leipzig World Fair—from the Middle Ages to the Present Time," a six-reel film will be shown to a private audience by a representative of the Leipzig Permanent International Commercial and Technical World Fair at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow morning.

Mr. M. Rohn is the representative of the Leipzig Fair for South China and Hongkong. He intends to visit Leipzig in a month or so and will return in the autumn to carry on the work of propaganda, organising interest in the commercial possibilities of the Fair.

The Leipzig Fair, which dates back almost a thousand years, is a permanent one, and it is hoped to arrange a permanent exhibition of Far Eastern produce.

CANTON'S "NINE CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS."

PASSES INTO HISTORY.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The famous "Nine Charitable Associations" of Canton, which was formerly practically the unofficial representative assembly of the people of Canton City, has just passed into history through the recent "nationalization" act of the Kuomintang régime, by which all the semi-public charitable institutions have passed under state control. A Charity Board has been created by the Government to supervise their future activities.

The combined property of these nine, and a score of other institutions in the City, was at one time worth more than $10,000,000. For many years only the managers of the most influential business firms and leading citizens of Canton were elected to be trustees or committeemen of these institutions. When they met they constituted the most powerful group of citizens in the City; and in the old Manchu days, their recommendations and opinions were effective. At the same time, whenever famine or floods were reported from the districts, the Government would turn to this body for assistance and in every case the relief work was actually done by agents of the several institutions together.

The new Charity Board met the other day with Mr. Kan Kum Shek, Vice-Chairman, presiding; and Mr. Poon Tat Mei was appointed General Secretary of the Board. Both Mr. Kan and Mr. Poon are connected with the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company.

THE LATE DR. SUN'S TOMB.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The ceremony breaking the ground for the million-dollar tomb on Purple Gold Hill, Nanking, for the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen is to take place on March 12th, the first anniversary of his death.

In addition to this tomb at Nanking, the Yuch Shau Shan or "Beautiful Kwangtung Hill" in Canton will be dedicated in his honour. A garden fête is being held on this hill to raise funds to improve it so as to make it one of the most beautiful public gardens in Canton.

THE STRANDED SHIPS.

THE "ALTAI MARU."

With regard to the O.S.K. *Altai Maru*, which has been stranded for ten days in the Fo Tau Mun Pass, it is feared that there is a possibility of the vessel breaking up in view of the rough weather which is developing outside. She is firmly on by her bows and a rock has penetrated five feet into her No. 1 hold; while she has thirty feet of water under her stern, and her position in view of this is considered dangerous. While the transfer of her cargo has not yet been completed, it is being effected now with all haste. It is satisfactory to note that no damage has been done to it. A tug-boat from Japan is now alongside the *Altai Maru*.

THE "SUMA MARU."

No further news is to hand with regard to the *Suma Maru* (mentioned in yesterday's papers) belonging to the same line, which went ashore near Good Hope Cape (twelve miles from Swatow), beyond the fact that assistance is on the way to her and that she has not yet refloated.

THE "KWEIYANG."

The *Kweiyang*, which as reported yesterday had been re-floated and proceeded to Hongkong, following her stranding on a shoal in the western entrance to the Hainan Straits, has been only slightly damaged. Her master reported to the harbour office yesterday that it was found necessary to jettison 150 tons of her cargo, and 60 tons were transferred to the s.s. *Taming*.

THE "HUNAN."

There is no further news to hand with regard to the *Hunan*, the other China Navigation Company's ship which was stranded in the Hainan Straits and which the *Kweiyang* attempted to refloat, only to land herself in a similar predicament.

PEAK CLUB THEFT.

"BOY" SENT TO PRISON.

A boy employed at the Peak Club was charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday with the theft of a tortoise-shell cigarette case and a gold-mounted powder box, the property of Mrs. W. E. L. Shenton. The articles were left on a table in the Club and when Mrs. Shenton returned for them, they had disappeared.

When a search was made of defendant's belongings, the articles were discovered ingeniously hidden in the lid of a wicker basket.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced by Mr. Lindsell to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

ATTEMPT TO VICTIMISE WING ON COMPANY.

$50,000 INVOLVED.

A case that will take a considerable time in hearing and which will prove of much interest—a sum of $50,000 being involved—was begun at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Three Chinese were charged with attempting to defraud the Wing On Company of $50,000 and interest and in addition to the charges given below, which apply to each defendant, five further charges were added yesterday against the first defendant, Au Kim Lui.

The six charges preferred against the three defendants are as under:—

(1) That between April 26th, and August 13th, 1923, they conspired together to defraud the Wing On Co. of the sum of $50,000 and $663 interest, by a false representation that the Company was indebted for that sum to a firm styled Kwong Cheong, and by the production of a forged deposit book.

(2) That they conspired together, with persons unknown, to forge a document purporting to be a deposit book issued by the Wing On Co. between March 9th, and May 4th, 1923.

(3) That between March 9th and May 4th, 1923, they attempted to utter a forged document purporting to be a deposit book, issued by the Wing On Co. knowing it to be forged.

(4) That they made a further attempt between March 9th and August 13th, 1923.

(5) That on August 13th, 1923, with other persons unknown, they conspired together to endeavour to cause to be paid to the Industrial and Commercial Bank the sum of $50,663.60, by virtue of a forged deposit book, purporting to have been issued by the Wing On Co. knowing it to be forged, and

(6) With intent to defraud the Wing On Co.

ADDITIONAL CHARGES.

The five additional charges against the first defendant are:—

(1) That on May 3rd, 1923, he uttered a forged document purporting to be a deposit book issued by the Wing On Company, knowing it to have been forged and with intent to defraud.

Charges two and three were similar the dates mentioned being March 4th, 1923, and August 13th, 1923.

(2) That on August 13th he endeavoured to cause to be paid to the Industrial and Commercial Bank a sum of $50,663.63 under, upon or by virtue of a forged deposit book purporting to be issued by the Wing On Company.

(3) That on August 25th, 1923, he being plaintiff in an action where the Wing On Company were defendants, knowingly and falsely affirmed that the Company were then justly and truly indebted to Au Kim Lui in the sum of $50,663.63, money received by the Wing On Company for Au Kim Lui's use and interest thereon.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Elsley Zeitlyn appeared for the defence.

The whole of the afternoon was occupied with the opening of the case by Mr. Jenkin, his address taking over one hour and a half.

Mr. Jenkin gave a detailed description of how the forgery must have been perpetrated, finally describing the particular way in which the defendants were alleged to be associated with it. The method of depositing money, the ways of dealing with the books, the chops and signatures of the managers and cashiers was described and the manner of obtaining the deposit books explained.

FORGERY EXPLAINED.

Mr. Jenkin produced two deposit books, No. 1 of which was assumed to be the original book issued with the name of the Kwong Cheong firm on it. The book showed a record of deposits of two sums of $30,000 and $20,000, respectively ($50,000 in all). These deposits, said Mr. Jenkin, were made on two successive dates, April 26th and April 27th, 1923. It was intended by these men to get that $50,000 back from the Wing On Company and presently to get a second $50,000 on presentation of the book.

To this end, continued Mr. Jenkin, the defendants kept the first book and did not intend to use it for a time. They removed the label from the original book and kept it available for the second book, which they obtained. They could use the second book (which was easily obtainable), remove the label from it and then place the label of the original book on it. Turning to page two of any original book they had there the genuine chop of the managers and the signatures. They removed the middle two leaves, got forged pages as to the details of the deposit and signature and chops and then put these pages into the new book. That involved the re-sewing up of the pages into the new book. This complete book, although a forgery, was the first representation of the second part of the forgery. The defendants now had the forged book and also the original book, minus a label. They had only to get back the second book with the label, after presenting it to obtain the deposit, and then put it on the original book to get another $50,000. The defendants would have all the documentary evidence they required and they in fact attempted (after obtaining $50,000) to get a second $50,000, but did not succeed. Having got one lot of money they only had their original deposit money back, and although it was by means of a forgery, it did not bring them any profit. They failed to get back their book with the original label on and probably foreseeing that they might fail in this they forged a label and put it on the original book. It was genuine, except for the label.

A STUPID BLUNDER.

While this forgery was the outcome of forgers of consummate skill they had like many criminals, made a mistake in the label. They had made a most stupid blunder. They had stumbled in one particular when it came to putting the label on the original book, but despite this the forgery was clever in the extreme. On examination it was found that the covers of the forged book were entirely different to those of the original red books of this type issued by the Wing On Company at that time. The original book was different in the printing and in the texture and the water mark was also different in the paper. In fact the new book was an entire forgery.

The first defendant, Au Kim Lui, had described himself as a promotor of a banking firm under the style of the Kwong Cheong firm. Where this firm came into being and where it had business was not known.

The second defendant, Fok Chuen Yuen, at one time posed as a Sub-Manager of a firm called the Man Fat Company. This firm was not now in existence, but it had had a banking account with the Bank of East Asia, and this account came to a sudden end, shortly after the $50,000 was recovered from the Wing On Company.

Counsel thought that there would be sufficient evidence placed before His Worship to commit the defendants for trial.

On April 26th, 1923, an account was opened with the Wing On Company. On March 28th, 1923, about a month before the Wing On account was opened, Fok, either himself or through someone else, opened three accounts in various names for sums of $120, $150 and $250. These books were apparently kept by him and no withdrawals were made from these accounts until March 26th, 1925, when all three accounts were withdrawn and closed. It might be that there was nothing significant about that and the books did not appear to have been tampered with.

The third defendant, Lam Fook Chiu, appeared to have had as his vocation something which would be very helpful to the party because for some years he had been very interested in printing. In 1923 he was a proprietor in a printing shop in Canton and in that year the printing of pages similar to those inserted in these books was carried out. Also at this shop chops, made elsewhere in Canton, were in existence. Defendant also maintained his interest in printing in Hongkong at a printing shop, where he was arrested.

The case would be that all three men were intimately connected with the perpetration of this fraud on the Wing On Company. A name he wished to mention as associated with these men was that of Li Kam To.

INTERESTING COINCIDENCES.

The next date they came to was between April 7th and April 9th, 1923, when the sum of $51,000 was apparently subscribed by six people. The sum which was the subject matter of the forgery was $50,000 and it was remarkable to find that the sum of $51,000 was subscribed shortly before.

On April 25th, the day before the Wing On account was opened, someone in Seattle sent telegraphic instructions to the Yokohama Specie Bank in Hongkong to pay somebody called Li Kum a sum equivalent to $43,000 gold. A cash order for the equivalent of this sum, namely $77,828.05 was made out and taken to the Bank of East Asia and deposited there to the credit of the Man Fat Company's account. Previously the cash order had been endorsed by Li Kum, the person to whom the money was to be paid, and also by Li Kum To and C. Y. Kok.

This was previous to April 26th, the day of the opening of the Wing On account, and it was interesting, although it was possibly a coincidence, that on April 26th, the day on which $50,000 was deposited in the account, a cheque was drawn on the Bank of East Asia by the Man Fat Company for $75,000. This cheque was endorsed Chan Sze Kai. The people who went to the bank were three in number, and were the 1st and 2nd defendants and the man who endorsed the cheque.

On April 26th, the first defendant presumably went to the Wing On Company and deposited $30,000 in the name of the Kwong Cheong Company. On April 27th another $20,000 was deposited, making a total $50,000. On May 3rd, six days later, someone went to the Wing On Company and presented the first forged book.

Mr. Jenkin suggested that it was intended to keep the first forged book so that they could have the label. On May 4th an application was made to withdraw the money and to leave $1,000 in the account. Mr. Jenkin suggested that defendants were probably prepared to sacrifice $1,000 of that deposit if they could obtain the original label by so doing. They were not allowed, however, to leave $1,000 on deposit after so short a time of it being there, and had to withdraw the whole sum deposited. Somewhere about the end of June, 1923, the Man Fat Company ceased to exist so far as their account with the Bank of East Asia was concerned. On August 7th, 1923, Mr. Au went to open an account in the name of the Kwong Cheong firm and under his own name, Au Kim Lui, and later a deposit book for his $50,000 was handed to the Industrial and Commercial Bank and they were asked to make the collection of the amount. Three employees went to the Wing On Company for this purpose and asked for $50,000. The payment was naturally refused and on August 14th a letter of demand was written on behalf of these gentlemen for the payment of $50,000 and interest. Writs and summonses were issued for the case to be tried, but the case had never been tried.

On March 26th, 1925, someone withdrew on behalf of Fok the three deposit accounts opened by him in March, 1923.

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It would be seen that the possession of such books would have been invaluable for the chops and signatures, etc. On November 12th, Au was in Peking and Fok wrote to him there. In his letter he clearly referred to the conspiracy which they had afoot between them for defrauding the Wing On Company. Their chance of success, by the letter, appeared to have been considerably hampered by delay and also by lack of money.

Mr. Jenkin, in conclusion, referred to various documents of interest and importance in the case which had been found by the police when they searched the addresses of defendants.

At the conclusion of Mr. Jenkin's address, His Worship adjourned the case until Friday afternoon, when the hearing of the evidence will be commenced.

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES.

BATCH OF CASES AT CENTRAL AND KOWLOON.

A large number of traffic cases were heard at the Central and Kowloon Magistracies yesterday.

Before Major Willson at the Central Magistracy, Mr. G. Hailey, of the Hongkong Electric Company, was fined $10 for speeding. It was stated in evidence that defendant, who pleaded guilty to the charge, was travelling at the rate of 30 miles an hour.

OBSTRUCTION.

Mr. L. B. Warren and Mr. T. G. Weall were charged with causing an obstruction in Pedder Street, by leaving their cars off the stand. A fine of $5 was imposed in each case.

DOCTOR FINED.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, of the Tung Wah Hospital, who did not appear, was fined $5 for riding his motor-cycle past a stationary tram-car.

AN UNREPORTED ACCIDENT.

Mr. D. Logan was summoned for having failed to report an accident.

The mishap occurred whilst defendant was backing his car in Wong Nei Cheong Road, when he collided with a chair. He compensated the coolie by giving him $2.

Major Willson discharged defendant with a caution.

THE EXACT AMOUNT.

Capt. Burleige, of the *Chip Shing*, who had been summoned for driving a car in Kennedy Road without a permit, did not appear, but sent a letter, enclosing $5 to cover a fine. He was fined $5.

CHINESE DELINQUENTS.

Two Chinese, charged with excessive speeding, were fined $25 and $5 respectively. The latter case was the outcome of a recent accident near the Soldiers' Club, when two passengers were seriously injured. In another case in which a Chinese was similarly charged, defendant failed to appear, and the case was remanded for a week.

In another case where a Chinese driver of motor-cycle No. 705 was summoned for dangerous speeding in Queen's Road at the Ice House Street corner, Mr. M. F. Key, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, gave evidence. He said he was walking from the Hongkong Hotel corner towards the Chartered Bank building on Sunday afternoon, February 7th, when the defendant passed at over 20 miles an hour and had to swerve violently to get round the curve at the end of Battery Path. A Chinese constable on point duty mechanically gave the usual signal to proceed but witness considered the driver ought to have stopped, and reported the case.—The Magistrate thanked Mr. Key for the action he had taken.—As defendant did not appear in answer to the summons the case was adjourned for a week, the magistrate intimating that the witness need not attend again.

KOWLOON MOTORISTS.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy, Mrs. A. Murphy's chauffeur was fined $4 for leaving his car unattended opposite the Star Theatre.

Mr. Lytton was fined the same amount for a similar offence.

Mr. A. W. Ramsay, was fined $5 for disobeying the signal of an Indian constable at the Star Ferry Wharf on January 31st.

AN EXPENSIVE GAMBLE.

CHAUFFEUR WHO HIRED HIS MASTER'S CAR.

A Chinese motor driver appeared before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with using a private car for public hire and not having efficient brakes. The charge was the sequel to an accident in Centre Street, near Queen's Road West, when an old man was knocked down and sustained injuries to his head.

According to the evidence, the car was owned by a Chinese foreman of the Nan Yang Bros. Tobacco Co., who ordered the driver to take a friend of his to the Chinese Club. A number of schoolboys stated that a boy accosted them near Lee Gardens on Monday afternoon, offering to hire a car for them. They arranged to pay $1.50 from Lee Gardens to Possession Street, but arriving at the destination, they further bargained for a trip around the island for $7. They had, however, only proceeded a few hundred yards, when the accident occurred.

Defendant was fined $50 with the alternative of four weeks' imprisonment on the first charge; $25 or two weeks' imprisonment on the second; and he was also ordered to pay $5 compensation to the injured man, or in default undergo one week's imprisonment.

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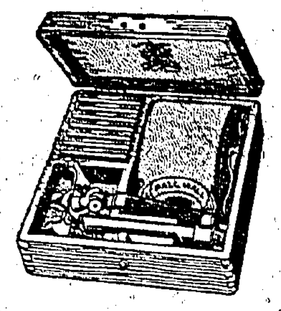

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By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
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Hongkong, 16th February, 1926. [3202

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OR FROM

Messrs. LAMMERT BROTHERS,
The Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1926. [3178

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

MARCH 1ST, 2ND, 3RD AND 6TH.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the Public Enclosure may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH or at the GATE. Price—$3 Per Day. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform—$1 Per Day.

No one Admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

MARCH 1ST, 2ND, 3RD AND 6TH.

MEMBERS have the privilege of introducing Two Non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A Limited Number of Tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings on or before SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 1926.

Price:—$10 Per Day or $30 for the Meeting.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

MARCH 1ST, 2ND, 3RD AND 6TH

THE Stewards request the pleasure of the Presence of the Ladies at The Races.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

MARCH 1ST, 2ND, 3RD AND 6TH.

PASSES for SERVANTS will be Issued on Application to Messrs. LINSTEAD and DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings. No Servants will be allowed inside the Enclosure of the Race Course during Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS.

These Tickets are only available for Servants while in Attendance on their Employers or when On Duty at the Various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit them and holders will be Removed from the Enclosure.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS' BADGES of ADMISSION are Now Ready and may be obtained by those Members, who have not already received them, from Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are Reminded that these Badges will also Admit them to All The EXTRA RACE MEETINGS This Year.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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THE HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE 36TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY will be held at the Cathedral Hall on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH at 11 A.M.

All Are Cordially Invited.

EVELYN A. WARREN,
3195] Hon. Secretary.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

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SCRIP CERTIFICATE of SIX SHARES Numbered 6655 to 6660, registered at the Head Office in the Name of WING SIN SUN Has Been Declared to be LOST or MISLAID, and Application having been made to the Court of Directors for a Duplicate, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said Certificate be presented or any objection lodged at the Offices of the Company in Shanghai on or before the 3RD MARCH, 1926, a New Certificate will be issued.

By Order of Court of Directors,
C. M. G. BURNIE,
General Manager

Shanghai, 3rd February, 1926.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. WILLIAM TAM is No Longer in the Service of Our Firm and that the Power given him in Signing Per Procuration Is CANCELLED From This Date.

CHINA TRADING AGENCY.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1926. [3176

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20TH FEBRUARY, 1926, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31ST December, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED form the 10TH FEBRUARY to the 22ND FEBRUARY (both days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1926. [3148

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 1926, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the Year ended December 31st, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 1926, to TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 1926, Both Days Inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 4th, 1326. [3147

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27TH FEBRUARY, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1925.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15TH FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 27TH FEBRUARY, 1926 (both days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1926. [3160

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BIRTH.

HOCKING.—At Shanghai, on February 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hocking, of St. John's University, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

AKEHURST—HARRISON.—At Shanghai, on February 11th, Arthur Charles Akehurst, son of the late Arthur Pursell Akehurst, of Victoria, Australia, to Elsie Lydia Harrison, of Welwyn Garden City, Herts., England.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT.

The wedding between John Norrie Owen and Ada May Meadows has been arranged to take place at St. John's Cathedral at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 22nd February. All friends are invited. No invitations. [3200

DEATHS.

BLAIR.—In London, on 15th inst., David Keay Blair, late Secretary of Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce. (By cable). [3199

MACVIE.—At Shanghai, on February 11th, Robert Hunter, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Macvie.

MILLER.—At Shanghai, on February 10th, Capt. Peter Alexander Miller, in his 60th year.

PASTAKIA.—On board the steamer *Delta* between Singapore and Penang, on February 10th, H. B. Pastakia, of Shanghai. Buried at sea.

Hongkong Office: 1A, Chater Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

Hongkong, February 17th, 1926.

THE CHINA PROBLEM.

The problem of the future of China perplexes every man who studies it. In a cable we print to-day Baron Matsui is stated to have expressed in an article contributed to the *Manchester Guardian* the opinion that the only solution of the problem is to be found in the emergence of "a strong man." On the other hand, there would seem to be a growing disposition in China to seek the solution along the lines of government followed in the United States. That was the idea that the founders of the Republic appear to have had, but the experience of the past fourteen years has shown quite clearly that the time for such a system of Government in China is far from ripe. Baron Matsui expresses the opinion that provincial federation in China is unrealisable. A month ago a good deal of prominence was given in the English newspapers to a lecture by Professor Roxby, of the University of Liverpool, on the subject of "The Concept of Natural Regions in the teaching of Geography, with special illustrations from China." At a time when the political disintegration of China was so much before the world, the lecturer said, "it should be realized that in spite of all separatist tendencies on the part of the different provinces, there was an underlying unity of culture which must sooner or later be reflected in the political sphere, and which would oppose any tendency to divide that country into separate political units, whether autonomous political units, or units controlled by external Powers."

The last alternative does not need to be considered. The external Powers abandoned any such possibility nearly twenty years ago. The "sphere of influence" policy is a dead issue, but we are likely to hear a good deal more about the division of China by the Chinese themselves into separate political units, though it cannot be said at the present time that it offers any promise of effecting what in the phraseology commonly employed by the Chinese politician is called "the salvation of the country." If, however, this way of salvation is deemed to be too arduous and too long, the only alternative is the "strong man." But where are we to find him in China? Is any man in the office of Chief Executive of the Republic of China likely to command for long the loyalty and support of the whole of the provinces of China? Yuan Shih Kai answered to the description of "a strong man" in authority in China better than any other who has appeared in the political firmament of China in the past twenty years. The late Dr. Sun Yat Sen told him that the people's hopes were centered in him and that they would like to have him as their President for ten years. Yuan accepted the office and the ideals and policies he outlined in his inaugural address were acknowledged to be counsel of the highest wisdom. It was his fervent prayer for the Republic of China that the whole nation should unite in a common purpose—to serve the high ideals he outlined. Two short years of experience found him in the depths of the most profound pessimism. He completely lost faith in the achievement of his aims under a republican system of Government. He was persuaded that the only hope lay in a restoration of the Monarchy, and in the foundation of a new dynasty, with himself as the first of the line. The new dynasty was short-lived, and the "strong man" retired into oblivion and not long afterwards joined his ancestors.

The episode showed that the Republican idea had taken deep root in China, and if there is any thought to-day that the way of salvation for the country lies through a restoration of the monarchy, that thought remains hidden in the secret recesses of the mind. Yuan Shih Kai has had many successors in the Presidential Chair at Peking, but no equal, and the state of China has steadily grown from bad to worse. Consolation is found in the statement that China is "in the transition stage"; but what signs are there of progress towards the goal of well-ordered government?

During the four days ended February 15th not a single case of notifiable disease was reported in the Colony.

An unemployed boiler-marker has been arrested and will be charged with distributing seditious pamphlets at Mongkok.

The schedule of Exhibits for the Hongkong Horticultural Society's annual show of flowers and vegetables is now available. Entries close on Monday, March 1st.

A Chinese was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital on Monday with a gash in his throat, inflicted with a razor, in an attempt to commit suicide.

A Chinese who snatched a bangle from a child at the New Year Fair, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

A Chinese sustained a broken arm, through being knocked down by a Sanitary Board waggon on the Kowloon City Road on Monday. He was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, fined a Chinese $25 for attempting to smuggle $100 out of the Colony. The money was found hidden in his shoes.

A new aspect of the great servant problem in England for 1928 is suggested by an advertisement by an hotel in one of the big provincial towns for an all-Chinese or Japanese staff.

A shopkeeper of 69, Wing Lok Street, has reported to the police that someone entered his premises early yesterday morning, and stole money, jewellery, and clothing, to the value of $330.

A sixteen-year old Chinese youth was seriously injured by stepping off a tram-car whilst in motion on Monday. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital in an unconscious condition.

Members of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club who wish to be present at the dinner to the Shanghai and Manila teams to-morrow (Thursday) should notify the Secretary of the Golf Club without delay.

Booking is now open at the Anderson Music Store for the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club's production of Lord Dunsany's "If," which is to take place from March 2nd to 6th in the Theatre Royal.

The Rev. J. T. Holman, Chaplain to the British Legation, who has been acting as Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral during the past few weeks, left by the M.M. liner *D'Artagnan* yesterday for England *viâ* Marseilles.

A Chinese motor driver has reported to the police, that whilst driving his car in Queen's Road Central on Monday, he collided with a ricksha and smashed it up. The coolie was slightly injured, but refused to go to hospital.

The Shanghai Municipal Council is publishing the following announcement: "In view of the prevalence and virulence of small-pox in Shanghai, it is urgently necessary for residents, new arrivals and transient visitors to be efficiently vaccinated or revaccinated without delay."

The death occurred in Shanghai last week of Captain P. A. Miller, familiarly known among his friends as "Paddy." Deceased came to Shanghai about 30 years ago and served in ships of the China Merchant Co.'s fleet for many years. He left the Company to establish himself in Shanghai as a marine surveyor and sworn measurer. He was very popular among a wide circle of friends. For a considerable time he was secretary of the Merchant Service Club in Shanghai. He died in hospital after a brief illness from kidney trouble.

The *Government Gazette* contains a list of names which have been allotted to various new streets in the district between Hung Hom and Kowloon City. It would be an advantage if the same were done for other districts of the Colony. The rapid development which has taken place in recent years—especially at Kowloon—has brought into being many miles of nameless streets, the naming of which would be a great convenience to the public and could be carried out at a very small cost. The naming on the ground of streets which already have names on paper might also be extended with considerable advantage.

Dr. C. C. Wang, known among the Chinese as Wang Ching Chun, who has accepted a seat in the advisory committee regarding the British Boxer Indemnity, is not the present Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs at Peking. The present Foreign Minister is Dr. C. T. Wang, or Wang Ching Ting. Both C. C. and C. T., however, were former students in America and graduates of Yale University, in addition to others, and both are well-known in China, one in foreign affairs and the other in railroad administraion and accounting, and both are Y.M.C.A. men. Dr. C. T. Wang is chairman of the Tariff Revision Conference, in addition to being Foreign Minister, while Dr. C. C. Wang is still with the Ministry of Communications, having served for some as director-general of Chinese Government Railways.

CABLE AND WIRELESS NEWS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

WRECKS ON BRITISH COASTS.

THRILLING LIFEBOAT RESCUES AT BRIXHAM.

RUGBY, February 16th

The severe weather around the British coasts has caused several wrecks during the past few days. A search was made without result yesterday, for the crews of two Swansea trawlers which have been lost on the Galway coast.

The number of men missing is about 24, but hope of their safety has not been abandoned. There is a possibility that they may have found haven in some remote island. No trace of wreckage has been found.

The crew of the Italian steamer *Liberta*, which went ashore at Bolt Head, Devonshire, were rescued by lifeboat and rocket apparatus after an exciting experience. Great courage was displayed by the Brixham lifeboatmen in effecting the rescue. The Lifeboat arrived on scene after an arduous journey through 20 miles of stormy sea, and was unable to get along side. Eventually communication was effected by rocket line and three of the ship's company were drawn through the sea to comparative safety by this means.

Meantime, land rocket apparatus had been sent for and was erected on a cliff overlooking the spot. The first shot of the land rocket was succesful, and the remaining 27 of the crew were brought ashore.

The Spanish steamer *Cirilo Amoros* ran on the rocks at Stradbally, County Waterford. The crew of 34 were taken off by lifeboat.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

PRINCE OF WALES ON OVERSEAS MARKETS.

RUGBY, February 16th.

The firm conviction that the prolonged period of trade depression is ending and that strenuous efforts to improve commerce are at last meeting with success was expressed in all the speeches delivered at Mansion House, London, last night, when a banquet was held to celebrate the opening at the White City, London, and at Birmingham of the British Industries Fair.

The Prince of Wales, who claimed to be something of a traveller, emphasised that wherever he had been in the Dominions and Colonies there was undoubtedly a great and growing demand for British goods and, better still a great desire to buy them. In foreign countries he had observed that the reputation for honest dealing and for the high quality of British goods stood Britain in good stead, and there, too, he found a genuine desire to do business with Great Britain. For example, during his short tour in South America he was deeply impressed by the cordial sentiments towards Britain manifested by the great republics he visited.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Austin Chamberlain, declared that the British were not the only people to encounter trade depressions. Indeed, because they faced their difficulties earlier than some others, they were emerging from them at a moment when others were first feeling the pressure. For the purposes of their internal discussions the British people often exaggerated difficulties and dwelt on the dark side. British trade had weathered dangerous and critical years. It was on a sounder basis than it had been some little time ago.

He appealed to foreign visitors, and through them to the nations they represented, to come and see what British traders had to offer, to judge goods on their merit, and to judge British credit and work.

Sir Cunliffe Lister, President of the Board of Trade, said that while the prices of British goods had fallen their quality had been maintained. Fresh equipment of factories, application of research, and the development of invention and design were having their effect on the steady improvement in British commerce overseas.

The British Industries Fair remains open until February 26th. The London section is devoted to the lighter trades and the Birmingham section to heavier industries, for which the Midlands are particularly noted.

ANTI-MALARIAL WORK.

LABORATORY COURSES FOR MEDICAL OFFICERS.

RUGBY, February 16th.

The Health Organisation of the League of Nations has arranged to hold next summer in London, Paris and Hamburg special laboratory courses on malaria, which will be reserved exclusively for medical officers.

During its tours of Eastern and Southern Europe, the League's Malaria Commission discovered that several countries were prevented from conducting systematic anti-malarial campaigns owing to a shortage of specially trained physicians.

The Health Organisation, therefore, decided to organise courses in malariology for young physicians desiring to specialize in this subject. Field work lasting several months in such malaria-infected countries as Corsica, Italy, Spain, Yugo-Slavia and possibly Palestine will follow theoretical training.

NEW CRUISER.

LAUNCH OF H.M.S. "SUFFOLK."

RUGBY, February 15th.

The new cruiser H.M.S. *Suffolk* will be launched at Portsmouth Dockyard tomorrow. She will be the first of five new light cruisers laid down in connection with the replacement programme of 1924/25 to take the water. The five vessels, which are to be completed during the current year, are the first to be built by the Government under the limitations of the Washington Treaty. They will be of 10,000 tons displacement, as allowed by the Pact, and will probably carry eight-inch guns.

OIL OR COAL?

THE INCREASE OF MOTOR TONNAGE.

RUGBY, February 15th.

The annual report of the British Chamber of Shipping states that the past year has seen a further development in the construction of motor tonnage, notwithstanding the decrease in coal prices and increase and uncertainty in the cost of oil fuel. Of the tonnage launch in Great Britain and Ireland in 1923, about 13½ per cent. was motor tonnage. The proportion rose in 1924 to 16½ per cent. and the tonnage under construction at the end of that year was 24½ per cent. the proportion had risen by the end of December, 1925, to more than one-third.

The report adds:—"If the cost of raising steam by coal be taken as 100, the corresponding cost where oil is used under boilers, on the basis of present prices, is 258, but this does not allow for the many natural advantages possessed and the economies facilitated by the use of oil. Generally it may be considered that wherever oil is economically obtainable, the first-class passenger liner trade has been lost to coal as regards motor power. But oil is not likely wholly to supplant coal as a steam raiser unless coal prices increase or oil prices diminish. The question of conversion turns largely upon the relative price of coal and oil."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CANADIAN POLITICS.

PRIME MINISTER RE-ELECTED BY BIG MAJORITY.

OTTAWA, February 16th.

Ottawa's Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, was re-elected at a bye election at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, by a majority of over 7,000 on the combined votes of Liberals and Progressives, defeating the Independent Conservative, Mr. Burgess.

It is now uncertain when the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the Throne will conclude.

The Conservative opposition apparently aim at shortening the adjournment period in which the Government expects to reorganise the Cabinet and complete the legislative programme before reassembling on March 15th.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRENCH TAXATION MEASURES.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL DEFEATED.

PARIS, February 15th.

The Chamber Finances Committee has rejected by 13 votes to 8, the Government's proposal to tax payments, which is the main feature of M. Doumer's proposals.

LATER.

The Chamber has been engaged during the week-end in a sort of game of ninepins, rejecting or shelving successively clauses in the Finance Committee's Bill providing new revenue from the increase in certain indirect taxes, the Government having fixed to-morrow as the time-limit for sending up the special partial Bill to the Senate giving the Government the funds needed to meet the estimated budgetary deficit of 4½ milliards. The time is running out and the gap to be filled is widening.

An appeal by M. Briand to the Chamber to vote the funds proved fruitless.

The Socialist, M. Renaudel, attacked M. Briand for dislocating the Cartelist majority.

M. Briand, in reply, virtually accepted divorce from the Socialists. He declared that the Socialists had rendered the agreed solution of the financial problems impossible, but the Government were determined to go right through. The Finance Bill would be voted in the Chamber and sent to the Senate. When the Senate had put the Bill into shape, the Government would return it to the Chamber and say "Take it or leave it." If the Chamber refused to give the Government the means of governing, the Government would realise that the time had come to pass the responsibilities of office on to other shoulders.

CHAMBER FINALLY VOTES NEW TAXES.

LATER.

After an all-night sitting, the Chamber voted the new taxes by 258 to 145, M. Briand having made it a matter of confidence.

LATER.

The Rightists and the Communists voted against the taxes. The Socialists abstained.

The Chamber had previously by 389 votes to 112 carried the Finance Committee's proposal to reject tax on payments as cabled last night, M. Doumer not making it a matter of confidence. The Chamber then adopted the final clause of the Finance Bill abrogating the earlier measures in so far as they are contrary to the present Bill.

THE LATEST POSITION.

LATER.

The position as the result of the Chamber's vote is that the new taxes which have been adopted as a whole will now go to the Senate.

These taxes yielding 1½ millards, will furnish immediate revenue for the Treasury.

The Chamber will now discuss the Locarno Treaties, the Budget and Electoral Reform Bills, including the Government's further new taxes to meet a deficit estimated at 2½ milliards.

NEW CANCER MICROBE.

LOCATED BY GERMAN DOCTOR.

BERLIN, February 16th.

A microbe which is present in cancerous swellings to the extent of one-tenth of the whole of a tumour has been located by means of a new colouring method, according to Doctor Josef Schumacher, who has informed the Berlin Microbiological Society.

These microbes gather in mass formation on the border between cancerous diseased and healthy tissues.

WIRELESS OPERATORS' STRIKE.

NO COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY TO BE HELD.

LONDON, February 15th.

In the House of Commons, answering questions, Mr. Steel Maitland said he had refused to appoint a Commission of Enquiry into the marine wireless dispute on the ground that such a Court was only empowered to enquire into the circumstances and not to lay down terms of settlement. He said the issues had been narrowed down as the result of last week's negotiations and he had asked both sides to meet again without delay.

STRIKE TO CONTINUE.

LONDON, February 15th.

A mass meeting of wireless operators in London has unanimously rejected the employers' proposed settlement terms and decided to continue the strike until a satisfactory agreement is reached.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

FOREIGN SECRETARY QUESTIONED IN COMMONS.

LONDON, February 15th.

In the House of Commons, answering questions, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that a special meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations had been convened for March 8th to consider Germany's application for admission.

Asked whether he could "remove the considerable apprehension both here and abroad by stating if the British Government were opposed to any considerable increase in the Council" Sir Austen Chamberlain referred to the reply he had given on Thursday and said that he gave that considered reply in the hope that he would not be asked any other questions until shortly before he went to Geneva.

Asked whether Germany's application will be considered separately from the applications of other States, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that he was unable to answer for the League in the same specific way as he answered for the Foreign Office.

A FALSE REPORT.

LATER.

Reuter learns on high authority that there is no truth whatsoever in the report circulated abroad to the effect that Great Britain has agreed to the proposal that permanent seats on the League Council should be awarded to Poland, Spain and Brazil in addition to Germany.

LEAGUE SECRETARY VISITS BERLIN.

BERLIN, February 15th.

Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary of the League of Nations, has arrived here from Geneva and had a lengthy conversation with Herr Stresemann. It is emphasised that Sir Eric has not come to Berlin to discuss the question of the number of seats on the League Council, which is a matter for the Governments concerned, but to confer with Herr Stresemann on technical questions in connection with Germany's entry into the League, as, for example, the ceremony of procedure to be adopted at Geneva.

AUSTRALIAN DISASTER.

MANY LIVES LOST IN BUSH FIRES.

MELBOURNE, February 15th.

In a temperature exceeding 100 degrees and fanned by a northerly gale, bush fires occurred extensively throughout Victoria yesterday.

Twenty-three people have been burned and many are missing. Considerable damage has been done to homes, and farms and timber mills have been destroyed. The small townships of Eric and Noojee, in Gippsland have been practically wiped out.

The State Government has sent relief to the homeless.

28 PEOPLE PERISH.

LATER.

Latest reports of the bush fires in Victoria show that the damage is enormous and that at least 28 lives have been lost including, nineteen at Powell Town where out of seventeen persons trapped in a narrow tramline, six escaped and 11 perished.

The Acting Premier, Mr. Peacock, says that the fires rank as the most disastrous in the history of the State.

The State pine plantations at Port Campbell have been destroyed. Hundreds of volunteer settlers and townsmen are making most heroic efforts to save life and property.

FIRES IN SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, February 15th.

Disastrous bush fires have also occurred in South Australia. Ten square miles of country have been swept in the Mount Pleasant district where one owner has lost 2,500 sheep. The damage is estimated at £140,000.

LOOT RECOVERED.

CONFISCATED FURNITURE RETURNED BY RUSSIA.

LONDON, February 15th.

In the House of Commons a profitable British deal with Russia was mentioned by Mr. Locker Lampson who in moving the Supplementary Estimate of the Office of Works, said that a Mission had been sent to Leningrad and Moscow to try to recover furniture, etc., belonging to the British Government and seized by the Soviets during the revolution. The mission cost £300 and recovered effects worth £12,000.

Mr. Lansbury moved a reduction of the vote as a protest against the "foolhardy policy" of removing the furniture from Petrograd.

The motion was rejected and the vote carried.

BURMA RICE.

REDUCTION OF EXPORTS BY GOVERNMENT.

RANGOON, February 15th.

There is a mild sensation in the rice market. Owing to the final forecast of the Burma rice crop, the Government has reduced the exportable surplus of the new crop to 2,850,000 tons of cargo rice, or 250,000 tons below the original estimate. It is stated that the crops in a number of districts have been considerably damaged, and generally the threshing out of the crop will be light.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TENNIS AT CANNES.

MLLE. LENGLEN DEFEATS MISS H. WILLS.

CANNES, February 16th.

In sunshine with the lightest breeze a crowd queued for the unreserved seats at an early hour, and cinema operators stationed themselves at all available windows in the neighbouring buildings for the match between Mlle. Lenglen (France) and Miss Helen Wills (America). The crowd, which chiefly consisting of youths and American students raided the courts and tried to storm the gates, but were thrown back by gendarmes after making a large breach in the fences.

The appearance of Mlle. Lenglen and Miss Wills on the court was the signal for an outburst of enthusiasm.

In the Carlton Tournament (Ladies' Singles) Mlle. Lenglen beat Miss Wills, 6-3, 8-6.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

$106,000 FOR BIBLE.

THREE HUNDRED YEAR OLD RELIC SOLD.

NEW YORK, February 16th.

The so-called Melk copy of the Gutenberg Bible was bought at an auction by Dr. Abraham Rosenbach, Philadelphia, for the extraordinary sum of $106,000.

The Bible, which belonged to the Austrian monastery of Melk 300 years ago, was purchased last summer by a London dealer, and was expected to fetch $75,000.

THE CATHCART CASE.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR EARL'S ARREST.

WASHINGTON, February 15th.

The Department of Labour has issued a warrant for the Earl of Craven's arrest.

"WANTED" MAN IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, February 15th.

The Earl of Craven has arrived here and is staying at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. He has refused an interview.

DETAINED COUNTESS'S VIEWS.

NEW YORK, February 15th.

The Countess of Cathcart, pale and nervous, interviewed by pressmen on Ellis Island, declared that she would see her case through. She did not intend under any circumstances to ask permission to return to England voluntarily. She had been through a terrible ordeal, but there was a lot of fight left in her yet.

EARL SUFFERING "MORAL TURPITUDE."

NEW YORK, February 15th.

A reference to Debrett indicates that the family motto "virtue consists in action," it is said, no doubt inspired the Earl of Craven when he dashed to Canada, realising that in the eyes of the Immigration Authorities, he was suffering from "moral turpitude," which the Authorities gravely aver also afflicts the divorcee, Countess Cathcart, with whom the Earl of Craven was involved as co-respondent, when the Earl of Cathcart brought a divorce suit in 1922.

The newspapers and public meanwhile are indulging in hilarious jibes at the expense of the Immigration Laws.

"THE LAND OF THE FREE."

MONTREAL, February 15th.

The Earl of Craven, in an interview, expressed surprise that a warrant had been issued against him by the United States. He added that he was glad to be on Canadian soil, away from "the Land of the Free." He was sailing from Halifax for Bermuda at the earliest opportunity, while his wife would sail from New York for Bermuda on Saturday.

[The Earl of Craven's case has arisen because of the exclusion of the Countess of Cathcart, under the U.S. Immigration laws which prohibit the entry into the United States of divorced aliens. In protesting against her exclusion, the Countess said that the Earl of Craven had been admitted, and the notice of the authorities had been drawn to his presence in America. His deportation is now sought. The Earl of Craven, who only succeeded to the title in 1921 and who is 28 years of age, married, in 1916, Miss Mary Wilhelmina George, daughter of the Town Clerk of Invergordon. There is one son of the marriage, which has since been annulled by divorce proceedings against the Earl. It is this "crime" of having been divorced which makes the entry of the Earl and Countess into the United States "undesirable."]

SEA HEROES.

GREAT WELCOME AT NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, February 15th.

The wife of Captain Fried and the wives of members of the crew having previously boarded the vessel at the quarantine island, there were happy crowds aboard the s.s. *President Roosevelt* on arrival from Europe. Steamboats sounded their syrens and tens of thousands of spectators cheered and waved. There was an enthusiastic ceremony at a reception held aboard which was attended, amongst others, by eminent British subjects.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NAVAL VOLUNTEERS IN HONGKONG.

QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

LONDON, February 15th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Amery replied in the affirmative to a question as to whether the Government had suggested to Hongkong the formation of a corps of Naval Volunteers, and added that the question of forming a similar corps in Singapore and other places of Malaya was under consideration. As yet he was not able to give details of the scheme.

Commander Kenworthy requested that an offer for enlistment should be made to the loyal and seamenlike Chinese colonists of Hongkong and Mr. Amery said that would have to be considered.

THE LOCAL REFERENCE.

It will be recalled that the first mention of a Naval Volunteer contingent for Hongkong was made by H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) when he addressed the local Volunteers at their annual inspection on the 8th inst. He said:—

"H.E. the G.O.C. considers, and I am sure you will all agree, that the present period of your annual training is too short and I propose to see whether suitable arrangements cannot forthwith be made for prolonging it. I am also at the suggestion of H.M.'s Government inquiring whether it would not be possible to form in Hongkong a corps of Naval Volunteers, in addition to the units which already exist. Both these projects will soon come up for public discussion and I trust that you and the whole community will give full support to any well-considered schemes which the military and naval authorities devise for enlisting additional help from civilians in the defence of this Colony."

SOCIAL HYGIENE IN F.M.S.

APPLYING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT.

LONDON, February 15th.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons regarding what action was being taken in connection with the report of the Advisory Committee on Social Hygiene in the Straits Settlements, 1925, Mr. Amery said that action was being taken on the general lines suggested, notably the questions of the immigration of female with male Chinese, in which connection H.E. the Governor had reported already that there had been continued improvement in the sex ration for many years. The questions of housing, education and recreation were engaging the attention of the Government. It was not thought necessary to appoint the suggested mixed Commission but the medical service was being organised on the lines suggested. He added that while the Colonial Government aims at the disappearance of brothels, progress must be gradual. Finally, the Government was closely attending to the recommendation to increase the personnel and extend the powers of the Chinese protectorate.

JAPAN'S FUTURE.

BARON MATSUI ON JAPAN'S NEW RESPONSIBILITY.

LONDON, February 15th.

That by signing the Treaty of Versailles Japan has assumed a new responsibility which fundamentally distinguishes Japan's part in the post-war world from her part in the pre-war world is pointed out by Baron Matsui in an article to the *Manchester Guardian* on the future of Japan.

He says that although the absence hitherto of any occasion for the spectacular exercise of this responsibility in the general conduct of the world's affairs has no doubt prevented western peoples from the recognition of it consistent with its importance, the voice of Japan has nevertheless been ever present in the inner council chambers of the world.

Baron Matsui declares that Japan does not sympathise with the suggestion of a combination of Asiatic peoples against Europe though she is not unmindful of the ties binding her to her fellow Asiatics. Her first and constant endeavours are to keep on good terms with her immediate neighbours.

Baron Matsui sympathetically refers to China's problem and is of opinion that China needs a strong man. Any other solution, as for example the federation of the Provinces, seems equally unrealisable.

MISSIONARY ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

PEKING, February 15th.

A telegram from Hankow reports that the Rev. Nelson, of the Lutheran Mission, was accidentally killed at Hsin Yang Chow on the 8th inst.

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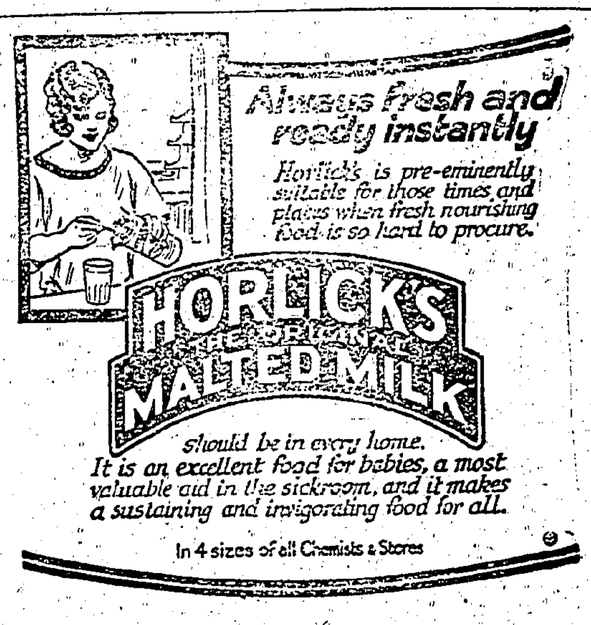

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PARIS FASHION NOTES.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, ISABEL RAMSAY.]

PARIS, January 11th.

The days have been such a misery of cold and continuous rain these last few weeks, that the mere thought of the Riviera brings the joy of sunshine and blue skies with it.

To compensate for not being able to tuck away into the Blue Train as it goes sliding by from Calais to Menton, many Parisiennes are choosing frocks from the collections which the big designers have prepared for those season on the Cote d'Azur. This is easier than it sounds for a Riviera collection does not necessarily mean a collection of dresses in flimsy organdie and the like. This year, for instance, designers are using a tremendous amount of jersey de laine, mostly for their simple morning and sports clothes, and as such frocks can be worn quite well in Paris, it is just as easy to choose Riviera clothes as any others from the Paris collections.

Last year, there was quite a good deal of jersey de laine to be seen, made up into dresses and coats. Buff and apple shade of tomato red were the fashionable colours then; this season, greys and greens are the colours in vogue, generally finished off with cuffs and collar of brown leather. Coloured hats, also, add an extra note of colour. In fact, there is only one shade more popular than green just now, and that is red in those subtle wine shades, such as burgundy, bordeaux and beetroot. Of an afternoon the Promenade des Anglais is dotted with women garbed in this shade, many of the dresses and coats being finished off with cuffs, collar and odd motifs of gold kid. Hats of felt or velvet, or a mixture of both, are invariably worn to match. Another shade of red that is most popular, is a bright brick or tomato shade. Generally, white prepominates during a Riviera season, but, strange to say, designers will have none of it this year. Black, too, they are banning, so that it will really be a coloured season with a vengeance. But, although it is a season of colours, none of these colours are bright ones. With the exception of the brick red tomato shade I have just referred to, they are all shades merging on pastel tints. There are no violent purples or magentas, for instance, but there are any amount of lilacs, amethysts and pale mauves. There are no emerald or jade greens, but there are any quantity of almond, tilleul, eau de nil and sage greens. There are no royal blues, but at every turn, you will see girlish figures in saxe, nattier, copenhagen and periwinkle blues. There is a ban, for the moment, on bright cyclamen pink, but no one will consider you as being anything but in the height of fashion if you don any of the rosewood and vieux rose tints of pink. Therefore, to sum up the Riviera this year, one could say it was a coloured season, but a strictly pastel colourful one.

A craze that has caught on to popular fancy for the moment, is that of utilising the batik scarves that most people possess by now to make tunics which are worn with a dark coloured satin skirt. The process of transformation is simplicity itself. You merely take a scarf, fold it in two, sew up the sides so that two openings are allowed to slip the arms through, cut out a neck, add a girdle and the deed is done. I have seen most charming examples, the predominant colour in the scarf being repeated in the colour chosen for the skirt.

Another craze is to repeat the design and colour of one's dress in the lining of one's coat. Usually, this is carried out with printed materials, although original examples of it are to be seen in plain materials on which motifs are embroidered, either in silk or beads. Here is an example I noticed in one of the collections. The dress was in crêpe de Chine in a pale mauve shade, and was embroidered all over in gold leaves. The coat that went with it, was in black satin, and the lining was an exact replica of the frock, being in similar mauve crêpe de Chine, decorated with leaves worked out in gold. Another model, rather more complicated, showed a dress in mauve crêpe de Chine, finished off with a collar of thin strips of mole fur and gold leather intermixed. The coat to match was in the same shade of mauve crêpe satin, and it was also finished off with a collar of mole fur and gold leather, the only difference being that the collar was prolonged down to the waist.

Afternoon frocks are short, quite as short, in fact, as the diminutive frocks women don when on sports bent. The waist line is still placed much lower than the normal line, and sleeves are long, and, mostly, tight-fitting. One of the new sleeves models is quite tight-fitting until it reaches a few inches above the wrist, when it is finished off by a funnel-shaped piece that recalls the shaped flounces now being worn on skirts, and falls gracefully over the hand. A bateau neck-line is more popular than any other cut, which is not to be wondered at, as no line is so becoming to women of all ages, from the young girl with the too-plump neck, to the woman of a certain age, whose neck has begun to sag in flabbiness and lines she would rather not have revealed to the world.

There is one material above all others which is finding immense favour as a fabric for afternoon gowns. This is a chiffon that is printed all over in a design that imitates the beautiful skin of the leopard. Generally it is trimmed with bands of some dark brown fur, to match, and a brown coat in a heavy type of silk or a light type of cloth, is added. At the reception given by "Comoedia" last week to Dame Nellie Melba, in their own private theatre in the Place St. Georges, the diva wore a most graceful worth creation, made of this decorative material, and finished off with bands of sable fur and long streamers of nut brown ribbon knotted in front. A close-fitting brown velvet hat and a wondrous sable coat completed the most handsome ensemble effect imaginable.

U.S. GUNBOATS FOR YANGTSZE PATROL.

KIANGNAN DOCK'S CONTRACT FOR SIX.

We reproduced recently from a Shanghai contemporary a statement regarding the bids made by Eastern Shipbuilding yards for the building of six gunboats for the United States Government for patrol on the Yangtsze. In that statement it was said that the lowest bid was not accepted.

An explanation of this is furnished by the *China Press* (the American paper of Shanghai) in an article from which we make the following extracts:—

CONTRACT COST.

The contract cost of the new gunboats will be between G.$200,000 and G.$275,000 each. This does not include the cost of materials which are to be furnished by the Navy Department. Included in these are such equipment as bullet-proof steel, certain auxiliary engines, electrical apparatus, armament and other minor materials.

Neither does the contract price include engines for the four larger vessels, all of which will be constructed in the Brooklyn Navy Yard and shipped to China in parts. It does, however, include the cost of engines for the two smaller gunboats, which will be constructed by the Kiangnan Dock company. The larger engines will be constructed according to the detailed plans furnished by the Kiangnan Dock works.

The cost of the vessels will be covered by an appropriation of G.4,200,000 granted by Congress two years ago. Of this amount G.2,000,000 will be available from this year's budget.

The gunboats are to be of three types. Two of them will be 150 feet long and will be used primarily for the Yangtsze gorges at all stages of water. Two others will be 180 feet long and a third pair will be 198 feet long. These latter four will be for general river use and will be able to negotiate the rapids during favourable water heights. The 198-feet boats will be fitted as river flag ships to be sent where required. It is possible that one of them will be sent to Hongkong and the other will be the flagship of the Yangtsze Patrol.

WORK IN 22 MONTHS.

The contract calls for the six boats to be completed within 22 months. The first is to be completed within 12 months. It is probable that all the keels will be laid down at the same time and that the two smaller ships will be completed first.

The gunboats will be from 380 to 575 tons displacement at normal draft, depending on the type, will have a beam of from 27 feet to 33 feet and will draw from five to six feet of water.

The horsepower will depend on the amount the constructors see fit in order to get the required speed. A horsepower of from 2,000 to 3,500 will probably be developed by the twin steam engines in each of the ships and the speed will range from 14½ to 16 knots an hour.

All the boats will be of the open stern type. Each will carry a crew of from 45 to 55 officers and enlisted men.

The armament of the boats is being kept confidential, but it is thought that it will probably be similar to that of other boats of this type with three-inch guns and the usual number of machine guns.

When bids for the new vessels were requested from various firms in the Orient the Navy Department called for two classes of bids; first, for bids according to the designs suggested by the Navy Department which called for Deisel engines and other machinery to be furnished by the Navy Department; and second, according to the bidders' designs with any type of engine they desired to propose.

Bids were publicly opened on September 30th of last year in the presence of bidders and bids were received for both the above classes.

The bids were referred to the Navy Department and the awards made to the lowest bidder on the types of vessels meeting the requirements of the Navy Department.

The lowest bid meeting the requirements was made by the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering company for steam-driven vessels and it was considered by all having knowledge of the conditions under which the vessels were to operate that steam-driven boats would best fulfill the requirements under present conditions since there are no repair facilities in the Upper River for Deisel engines.

It may be noted that at least one firm was lower than the Kiangnan Dock company on Diesel-driven ships, but it was found that the total cost of the vessels would be higher with Deisel engines than with steam.

LONDON WOMAN AS CHINESE BAPTIST PRESIDENT.

The attitude to the British, despite the boycott, and also the change during the past few years of the position of women as regarded by the Chinese, are illustrated by the news from Shantung that the Baptist Union there at its Chinese Council elected Miss Florence Wood a vice-president of the Council for this year and president for next.

Miss Wood, who is a Stoke Newington woman, went out to China in 1908, and has been tackling the problem of illiteracy among the village women, to whom she has been teaching the phonetic script with great success. The appointment was made at a meeting at which no foreign missionary was present, and is all the more significant from the fact that it is only three or four years since women were first allowed to attend the Council meetings of the Church.—*Manchester Guardian.*

FUTURE OF CHINA.

A LONG WAY FROM POLITICAL UNITY.

LONDON, January 11th.

The annual meetings of the Geographical Association. Professor P. M. Roxby, University of Liverpool, lectured on "The Concept of Natural Regions in the Teaching of Geography, with Special Relations to China."

Professor Roxby said it must never be forgotten that, however great might be the differences between different parts of the country, China was perhaps the biggest single culture area in the world. At a time when the political disintegration of China was so much before us, despite the tendencies of the different provinces of China to break away, there was an underlying unity of culture which must sooner or later be reflected in the political sphere, and each would oppose any tendency to divide that country into separate units, whether autonomous political units or units controlled by an external Power. At the same time, there were profound and far-reaching regional differences within China, and, notwithstanding the frequent complications introduced by personal or group combinations, such as they saw in the Chinese political world, these differences tended to be reflected in the Chinese political sphere, and they formed a permanent element in the Chinese problem. The existence of these regional differences was not a matter of regret to those who saw in geography the wonderful drama being worked out of a growing inter-relationship of different types within one large co-ordinated whole. It was a guarantee for variety of culture if only the process of federation and co-ordination could be achieved successfully. Notwithstanding the political turmoil, there was going on in China a steady and rapid growth of public opinion and a real constructive movement on the part of the mercantile and educated classes for unity. It would necessarily take a long time for the cultural unity of China to be expressed in the political sphere. If it was remembered that China had a culture area as large and diversified as Europe, it would be hardly right to expect the development of a harmonious United States of China to be more rapid than our own progress towards a United States of Europe. (Hear, hear.)

SHANGHAI POLICEMAN SHOT.

At 3.5 o'clock on the morning of the 10th inst., P.C. Goulding was fatally shot by a member of the Chapei Merchants' Volunteers on North Szechuen Road outside the Dollar Garage. From inquiries it appears that P.C. Goulding was investigating an armed robbery at the time at No. 392, North Szechuen Road. He rushed into the shop in search of the robbers when three Chapei Volunteers rushed in after him, firing somewhat indiscriminately. One of the bullets struck P.C. Goulding in the right side. He died later in Hospital.

At the Coroner's Inquest which was opened at the Hospital a Police Inspector stated that at the time the deceased was shot he was not on duty and was in mufti.

THE LURE OF THE BAR.

[BY A BARRISTER.]

The tragic case of the young barrister who recently committed suicide has a bearing on a daily problem in the Temple. In recent years an enormous increase has occurred in the number of "calls" to the Bar. As a result, the Bar is now one of the most over-crowded of the professions, and to many disappointment, sometimes with tragic results, is inevitable. And yet, such is the fascination it exercises, there is no decline in the rush towards its glittering prizes.

The blaze of publicity which lights up the career of the successful barrister is largely responsible for this ambitious host. The public hear of briefs marked at one thousand guineas and of the many thousands a year reaped by a John Simon, a Douglas Hogg, a Curtis-Bennett, and a Marshal Hall. But in the hard and trying days and years when these high abilities were being forged in the fires of daily trial these conspicuous barristers worked away in silence and obscurity. Sir John Simon, although he came down from Oxford with all the influence of Balliol behind him, was glad to supplement his income by tutoring one of the sons of the King of Siam; Sir Douglas Hogg, the present Attorney-General, took the precaution of getting experience in the City before he came to the Bar; Lord Reading (as Mr. Rufus Isaacs) tried various occupations before he settled at the Bar; Lord Merivale, the President of the Divorce Division, was a Press reporter at Plymouth when the encouragement of Sir Edward Clarke sped him on his legal career. Lord Hewart was also a working journalist during his early years at the Bar.

For success at the Bar depends as much upon staying power as upon special ability and good luck, not to forget discreet friends and political attachments. Lord Coleridge, the former Lord Chief Justice and the father of the present retired judge, actually applied for the post of librarian at Lambeth Palace, so disheartened was he at the Bar.

The late Sir Samuel Evans struggled for years, with seeming ill-success, but when his chance came he was accepted as one of the most distinguished judges of his generation. Mr. "Tim" Healy, the Governor-General of the Irish Free State, never received his due at the Bar of England, but he has lived to pass more successful rivals.

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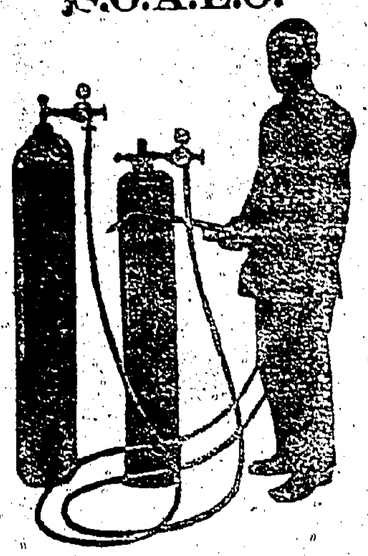

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POISONS IN THE HOME.

AGENTS OF DEATH IN EVERY FAMILY.

[By E. T. Neatherdoat, C.B.E., J.P., *President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1920-1924.*]

Thanks to the new law which came into force on January 1st, no preparation containing poison may be sold by a chemist unless its contents are clearly stated on the label. This is a useful measure, but it will not be sufficient to safegurard the public entirely against the perils of ignorance and carelessness.

According to the Registrar-General's annual reports, the yearly expectation of deaths in Great Britain from poisoning (through misadventure, negligence, or intent) is about 1,000. That more fatal accidents, suicides, and murders by poison do not occur is regarded as almost miraculous by those who know the appalling ignorance, carelessness, and negligence of the ordinary user of poisonous substances and the conditions under which certain poisons are stored and employed. As the annual returns give only the *deaths*, the fatal accidents alone are specified, and no account is taken of mishaps and injuries not immediately fatal. A moment's reflection will convince any thinking person that these accidents must reach a very large total each year.

The usual agents of death are carbolic acid (including lysol and similar disinfectants); mineral or corrosive acids (spirits of salt, oxalic acid, vitrol, and nitric acid); cyanide of potassium; arsenic, and various kinds of vermin killers.

At least twenty-five per cent. of the fatal accidents and about fifty per cent. of the suicides are credited to carbolic acid and disinfecting fluids containing varying proportions of the same relative chemical structure. Lysol, a valuable antiseptic, containing fifty per cent. of cresols, appears to be favourite with the careless and with the despairing. The explanation is not far to seek, for almost every household in the kingdom contains a bottle of one of the numerous brands of disinfectant, deodorant, or germicidal fluids on the market. If effective for the purposes for which they are sold, all of them are virulent poisons capable of causing an agonising death.

DANGER TO CHILDREN.

The handiness of this material is favourable alike to mishaps and to desperate resolves, and it may be added that the containers of some of these liquid disinfectants are not too distinctive in their shape and character. Hence the danger to inquisitive children and careless adults.

Spirits of salt and other mineral acids are largely used in industry as well as in many domestic operations, ranging from cleansing lavatory fittings to maintaining the efficiency of the accumulator batteries of a wireless set.

Several members of Parliament and public coroners have, on more than one occasion, called attention to the indiscriminate sale of poisons, specially mentioning spirits of salt.

Oxalic acid, another popular cleanser, with its near chemical relative, "salts of lemon," takes a fair toll of lives each year. Possibly some of the accidents due to "salts of lemon" result from its very misleading name. There is a well-known story that when a chemist asked a woman customer why she wanted "salts of lemon," she replied, "To flavour cakes!"

Cyanide of potassium is a chemical largely used in photography, and amateurs seem to possess a peculiar fondness for this poison. In the hands of an enthusiastic, unsuspecting schoolboy, making a first attempt in the art of producing pictures, the innocent-looking little white sticks of cyanide become a source of possible calamity to himself and to others. The camera provides a laudable hobby, but those who follow it should avoid the processes which introduce into the home such baneful chemicals as cyanide. It is safer to let your local chemist deal with all dangerous photographic solutions.

PERILS FROM VERMIN KILLERS.

Arsenic requires almost a volume to itself. It is probably the widest-used poison in industry, in agriculture, and in art. Peril lurks in the possession of this practically indestructible poison as a part of garden equipment. One could quote numerous instances of the home tragedies wrought by arsenical weed-killer during the last few years. At one time a chemical fly paper containing arsenic was largely sold and used in the home. These pointed the means for the murders committed by Mrs. Maybrick and by Seddon, and in each case the murderer thought to escape detection owing to no record of purchase of the poison being in existence. Arsenical fly papers are still obtainable, though other effective means of fly destruction are available!

Mention of vermin killers leads one to phosphorus. Many of the preparations designed to rid the home of rodents are pastes containing free phosphorus, and it must not be forgotten that vermin killers can be purchased by anyone from provision dealers and from oilmen! Strychnine forms one of the ingredients of some vermin killers.

In the Poisons and Pharmacy Act of 1908, a fourth schedule was provided of what may be termed "household poisons"—namely, ammonia liquid containing more than five per cent. of free ammonia (it was assumed every housewife would know what that meant!); hydrochloric, nitric, and sulphuric acids "salt of lemon," and liquid disinfectants containing less than three per cent. of phenols (again assumed to be clearly understandable by the average housekeeper!).

(Continued on next column.)

NOT FOOL-PROOF.

The new law will at least make clear the contents of a poison bottle, but, however drastic our poison regulations, they will never be fool-proof. Look round *your* home to-day, and the chances are you will discover at least one of the "household poisons" mentioned in this article. Perhaps, pushed into a dark corner, in proximity to a number of other bottles, there is a bottle of disinfectant, the contents of which may be taken in error by a member of the household.

Another loophole in poisons regulations is the freedom of supply for "industrial" uses. While elaborate regulations surround the retail sales of a few grains by a pharmacist, yet, for commercial or industrial purposes (considered "wholesale" supplies), a few hundred-weights are readily and freely obtainable.

I am satisfied that the public interest and welfare would best be served by closer restriction of the sale of household poisons and by confining the supply of such dangerous domestic articles to pharmacists, who, it should be remembered, are a specialised body, called into being by the State in 1868 to deal in poisons, and whose particular education, training, and examination equip them with a full knowledge of the terrible potentialities of these commodities. A seller steeped in knowledge of the virulence of such household poisons is the surest safeguard of the public weal. His professional responsibility causes him to take care that there is no indiscriminate distribution of these articles to the public.—*Daily Mail.*

WHAT WOMEN READ.

[BY MRS. STANLEY WRENCH.]

What do women read?

Having found an immense diversity of taste among my own friends, who range from lovers of "sheik" fiction to students of labour reports, I began to inquire at leading lending libraries. According to most librarians, women want, above all else, light fiction. Memoirs and anonymous books of anecdotes concerning high-placed personages come a good second.

"You've only to have a novel with 'Love' in its title and it is constantly in demand," one librarian told me. "Novel-reading women go by the titles."

At several big bookshops I was told that, although fiction certainly plays a part, the tastes of women are changing and that much more serious literature is read than before the war. Book-buying women select works dealing with philosophy, travel, and criticism, while verse and belles-lettres, at one time purchased for presents, are now bought by women for their own enjoyment.

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"Few women buy novels," said a well-known bookseller. "They borrow them. Then, if the book is worth while, they buy it. Men buy novels to give to women, but if a woman comes in to buy a novel she has usually read it beforehand and likes it well enough to possess it."

Which certainly suggests prudence on the part of women, but means less bread and butter for novelists. However, I was told that fiction-reading has been steadily on the increase among men since the war.

"Men got the taste for novels then just as women got the taste for cocktails," drily remarked the manager of a great book store. "You will still find women reading fiction, but most of them never buy books of any kind."

And the woman of the future?

At home we were packing for a month's travel abroad, and I was deliberating what books I dare make room for, when my nine-years-old daughter brought me two volumes.

"Try to squeeze these in somewhere, mummy," she said.

I looked at them, Kipling's *Just So Stories* and a much-worn copy of the *Iliad*, and smiled. With the woman of the future fiction will be safe.

RUSSIANS TOLD OF CZAR'S MURDER.

HEAR DETAILS FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Because of numerous legends circulating in Russia that the Czar Nicholas and his family are still alive and hiding in England, awaiting a favourable moment to return to Russia, the Petrograd *Krasnya Gazette* of December 28th published a two-column account of the Czar's murder at Ekaterinburg on the night of July 16th, 1918.

The story the *Gazette* publishes relates how the Cheka agents discovered a note which the Czar had hidden in the cork of a milk bottle that he had given to one of the nuns who had been supplying the family with food. This ran:

Now is the time to effect our rescue. The day has arrived for our friends to unite. The Slav army is approaching Ekaterinburg, only a few versts away. It is necessary to take immediate action.—Nicholas.

A few days later a courier arrived from Moscow bearing the decree for the Czar's immediate execution. When Yurovski shot him the Czar threw his arms around his son and sank to the floor, crossing himself.

After the whole family had been shot the bodies of the Czar and his wife and children were brought outside the town to a forest, where the Commissar Wykoff—the present Soviet Ambassador to Poland—superintended their destruction with sulphuric acid and petroleum.

The story of the *Krasnya Gazette* has created a tremendous stir in Petrograd, whose population for the first time read the gruesome details of the execution. It is reported here that the Communists are just as displeased as the populace, and the editor of the paper has been ordered to resign.

***It will be noted that the details of the Ekaterinburg crime now given officially agree with previous accounts published in Britain

DRUNKENNESS TESTS.

INQUIRY BY DOCTORS AND MAGISTRATES.

After being in dispute for a long time the question of which tests for drunkenness are the most reliable is to be thoroughly examined by a strong committee of medical and judicial experts, appointed by the Council of the British Medical Association.

The council has agreed that the committee should consist of the following:

Four ex-officio officers of the association.

Four representatives of the Medico-Political Committee (Dr. Fothergill, Mr. Turner, Sir Jenner Verrall, and Dr. Bone).

Four representatives of the Association of Metropolitan Police Surgeons (Dr. P. B. Spurgin, Dr. A. R. Moore, Dr. T. Rose, and Dr. W. J. Keats).

One provincial police surgeon (if possible, a police surgeon in Liverpool or Birmingham).

Two stipendiary magistrates (if possible Mr. Wilberforce, of Bow Street, and Mr. Graham-Campbell, of Bow Street).

Two medical practitioners with special knowledge (Dr. Farquhar Buzzard and Sir William Wilcox suggested).

A medical representative of the Services.

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Hongkong Observatory, February 16th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Day at 2 p.m.
Barometer ...	30.00	30.10	30.07
Temperature ...	66	58	66
Humidity ...	89	90	75
Wind Direction...	E.	E	E.
,, Force ...	4	5	6
Weather	O	OD	O
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.01

Highest open-air Temperature on 15th ... 69
Lowest open-air Temperature on 16th ... 57

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Feb. 17th to 23rd, 1926.

Days of Week	Days of Month	High Water. H'kong. Standard Time.	Height.	Low Water. H'kong. Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Wed.	17	m 0 39	6 4	m 6 52	1 7
		1 18 a	5 1	6 48 a	2 6
Thur.	18	m 1 42	5 6	m 7 31	2 4
		2 2 a	5 2	8. 2 a	2 7
Fri.	19	m 2 49	4 8	m 8 12	2 9
		2 54 a	5 3	9 31 a	2 8
Satur.	20	m 4 18	4 3	m 8 57	3 3
		3 57 a	5 5	11 28 a	2 5
Sun.	21	m 6 4	4 0	m 9 53	3 6
		5 6 a	5 8		
Mon.	22	m 7 37	4 0	m 0 49	2 1
		6 7 a	6 1	m 10 59	3 7
Tues.	23	m 8 41	4 1	m 1 42	1 7
		6 58 a	6 3	0 2 a	3 7

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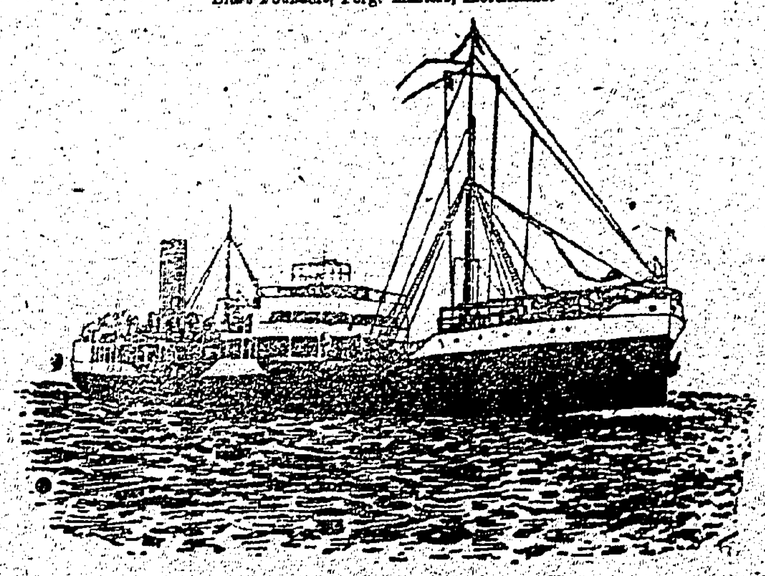

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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

February 15th.

Macassar Maru, Japanese str., 2,483 tons, Capt. Y. Kawasaki, from Sourabaya and Balikpapan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A23.—Nanyo Yusen Kaisha.

Song Bo, French str., 720 tons, Capt. J. Bounamour, from Haiphong and Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C39.—M.M.

West Chopaka, American str., 4,567 tons, Capt. Brunn, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at Laichikok.—Struthers & Barry.

February 16th.

D'Artagnan, French str., 9,325 tons, Capt. Desirat, from Yokohama and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1.—M.M.

Kut Sang, British str., 5,847 tons, Capt. V. McC. Liddell, from Kobe, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Sunning, British str., 1,570 tons, Capt. G. D. Milles, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B23.—B. & S.

Tilawa, British str., 6,153 tons, Capt. P. W. Rowe, from Kobe, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A20.—Mackinnan, Mackenzie & Co.

CLEARANCES.

February 16th.

Amakusa Maru, for Swatow.
D'Artagnan, for Saigon.
Haiching, for Amoy.
Hoi Nam, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Lai Sang, for Amoy.
Mirzapore, for Singapore.
Poo Sang, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Sinkiang, for Swatow.
Song Bo, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Sunkong, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Talma, for Amoy.
Telemachus, for Shanghai.
Tyndareus, for Kobe.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

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DEPARTURES.

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WITHIN CALL.

The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—*Hozan Maru, President Garfield, Rhesus, Bingo Maru, Hatiparu, Taishan, Kut Sang, Tango Maru, Porthos, Sui Sang, Takasago Maru, Danmark, Pembrokeshire, Tjikini*, U.S.S. *Ford, President Taft, Agra, Conus, Koshima Maru, Haiching, Mirzapore, Altai Maru, Khiva, Saga Maru, D'Artagnan, Talma, Lai Sang.*

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AT KOWLOON BAY.—Haifoong, L. Onawa, Sun-On.

HONGKONG SHIPPING.

The shipping statement for yesterday showed that the number of vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m. was 83, of which 42 were British.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered ten, *viz.*—Six British, one French, one American and two Japanese. The departures over the same period numbered one; with also one clearance.

CARGO ENTERED.

(During twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday).

For Hongkong	10,063 tons.
For ports beyond	22,259 ,,
Total	32,322 ,,

(During previous period ended at 9 a.m. on Tuesday).

For Hongkong	3,273 tons.
For ports beyond	11,572 ,,
Total	14,845 ,,

Of the cargo entered for Hongkong, no less than 6,895 tons were carried by British vessels. The heaviest entries were 2,300 tons, 1,606 tons and 1,500 tons, all brought by British vessels. The remainder of the entries, with the exception of 1,012 tons brought by a Japanese steamer, were all under 1,000 tons.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were as under: The s.s. *Kut Sang* (British) from Kobe with 1,500 tons general cargo, mail and 338 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Tilawa* (British) from Osaka and Kobe with 587 tons of general cargo, mail and 922 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Mirzapore* (British) from Shanghai with 150 tons of general cargo, mail and 1,400 tons of cargo for ports beyond; the s.s. *Kweiyang* (British) from Bangkok with 2,300 tons of timber and general cargo and 35 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Telemachus* (British) from Singapore with 1,606 tons of cargo (1,490 tons being coal and 116 tons of general cargo), mail and 6,144 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Gascoyne* (British) from Fremantle and Singapore with 752 tons of sandalwood and 22 tons of onions for ports beyond; the s.s. *Song Bo* (French) from Haiphong and Fort Bayard with 100 tons of general cargo and 50 tons for Fort Bayard; the s.s. *President Garfield* (American) from New York and Shanghai with 712 tons of canned goods and general cargo, mail and 4,927 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Macassar Maru* (Japanese) from Sourabaya and Balikpapan with 592 tons of molasses and rattan, general cargo and mail and 4,221 tons for ports beyond and the s.s. *Tokushima Maru* (Japanese) from Nagoya and Moji with 1,012 tons of general cargo, mail and 3,980 tons for ports beyond.

Later arrivals, too late for entry in the above returns, including the s.s. *West Chopake* (American) from Shanghai and the s.s. *D'Artagnan* (French) from Yokohama and Shanghai with 12 tons of general cargo and 580 tons for ports beyond.

CHINA COAST CHANGES.

The following are the latest China Coast Changes:—

Mr. L. V. Anderson, has gone from 1st mate of the *Fatshan* to 2nd mate of the same steamer.

Mr. A. Annetts, has signed off the *Hop Sang* as 1st engineer.

Mr. A. Malarn, has signed off the *Lok Sun* as 1st engineer and has gone 1st engineer of the *Dewawongse*.

Mr. G. H. Hodgson, has signed off the *Kwong Sang* as 1st mate and has gone 1st mate of the *Lee Sang*.

Mr. Charles D. Nicoll, *Chak Sang*, has gone 1st mate of the *Kwong Sang*.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The Ben Line s.s. *Benmohr*, from Leith, Middlesbro', Antwerp, London and Straits, is due to arrive here on the 25th inst.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Australia*, Capt. A. J. Hailey, R.N.R., Commander, will now leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., *viâ* Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on the 19th inst.

The P. & O. s.s. *Macedonia*, from Hongkong, arrived at London on February 11th at noon.

The P. & O. s.s. *Khiva* left Singapore for this port on the 15th inst. at 3 p.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 20th inst. about 9 a.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Empress of Asia (C.P.S.), due February 26th.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

FOR FEBRUARY, 1926.

(STANDARD TIME OF THE 120TH MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH).

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
February 17th	6.55 a.m.	6.21 p.m.
,, 18th	6.54 ,,	6.21 ,,
,, 19th	6.53 ,,	6.22 ,,
,, 20th	6.52 ,,	6.22 ,,
,, 21st	6.51 ,,	6.23 ,,
,, 22nd	6.50 ,,	6.23 ,,
,, 23rd	6.50 ,,	6.24 ,,
,, 24th	6.49 ,,	6.24 ,,
,, 25th	6.49 ,,	6.25 ,,
,, 26th	6.48 ,,	6.25 ,,
,, 27th	6.47 ,,	6.26 ,,
,, 28th	6.46 ,,	6.26 ,,

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HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

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MISHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 24th Feb. at 11 a.m.
TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 24th Mar.

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HAKODATE MARU ... Friday, 5th Mar.

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WAKASA MARU ... Wednesday, 17th Feb.
PENANG MARU ... Tuesday, 2nd Mar.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
CEYLON MARU ... Tuesday, 23rd Feb.

RANGOON vai Singapore & Penang.
SHINSEI MARU ... Sunday, 21st Feb.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
TANGO MARU ... Thursday, 18th Feb.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
TOYOOKA MARU ... Friday, 19th Feb.
HAKOZAKI MARU ... Monday, 22nd Feb.
YAMAGATA MARU ... Monday, 22nd Feb.
TSURUGA MARU ... Thursday, 25th Feb.

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TSINGTAU via NINGPO & SHANGHAI...	"KWONGSANG"	...Wednesday,	17th Feb., at 5 p.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW ...	"LEESANG"	...Friday,	19th Feb., at 10 a.m.
TIENTSIN via CHEFOO ...	"CHIPSHING"	...Friday,	19th Feb., at Noon.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	...Friday,	19th Feb., at 3 p.m.
KOBE via SHANGHAI & MOJI	"SUISANG"	...Friday,	19th Feb., at 4 p.m.
TSINGTAU via SHANGHAI...	"FAUSANG"	...Wednesday,	24th Feb., at Noon.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA ...	"YUENSANG"	...Wednesday,	24th Feb., at 3 p.m.
KOBE via YOKOHAMA ...	"KUMSANG"	...Sunday,	28th Feb., at 7 a.m.
KOBE via SHANGHAI ...	"KWAISANG"	...Thursday,	4th Mar., at Noon.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA ...	"HOSANG"	...Saturday,	6th Mar., at 3 p.m.
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"GLENSHANE"	23rd ,,	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg via Oran.		
"GLENAPP"	1st Apr.	"GLENAMOY"	—	6th Apr.
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"FULDA"		7th March, 1926.
"DERFFLINGER" ...	25th February 1926	4th April, ,,
"TRIER"	27th March ,,	1st May, ,,
"SAARBRUECKEN"	24th April ,,	29th May, ,,
"COBLENZ"	22nd May ,,	27th June, ,,
"ANHALT"	19th June ,,	
"FULDA"	15th July ,,	22nd August,
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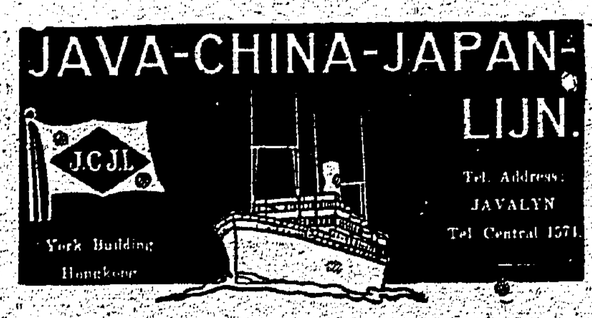

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JITKARANG ...	BATAVIA	20th ,,	23rd ,,	SHANGHAI
TJIBODAS ...	S'BAJA & M'KSAR	27th ,,	1st Mar.	AMOY & S'HAI.
TJISONDARI ...	S'HAI. & N. CHINA	28th ,,	2nd ,,	BATAVIA
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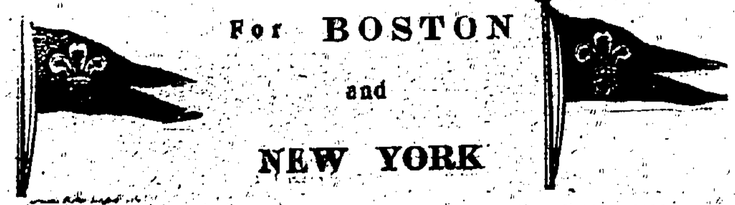

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"KASHMIR"	8,985	13th Mar.	Mars., L'don., A'werp., and Hamburg.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	18th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay.
"KHIVA"	9,135	20th Mar.	Marseilles, London, and Antwerp.
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,097	15th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	17th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	21st Apr.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	15th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	9,941	29th May	Marseilles & London
"KHYBER"	9,114	12th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,902	26th June	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,097	7th July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
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"TALMA"	10,000	10th Mar.	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	17th Mar.	do.
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"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th Apr.	
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"KHIVA"	9,135	21st Feb. D.L.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	25th Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MOREA"	10,911	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,949	7th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
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BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 18th Feb.,	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 18th Feb.,	4 p.m.
HAIPHONG & SINGAPORE	"KAYING"	On 19th Feb.,	Noon.
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SAIGON	"HUPEH"	On 21st Feb.,	Noon.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 23rd Feb.,	D.L.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 23rd Feb.,	4 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI...	"LINAN"	On 25th Feb.,	11 a.m.
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ANDRE LEBON	...A	...	29th Jan., "	3rd Mar., "	30th Mar., "
PAUL LECAT	...A	...	12th Feb., "	17th Mar., "	13th Apr., "
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From	Per	Due
Straits	*Suisang* ...	17th Feb.
Australia and Manila	*Tango Maru* ...	17th Feb.
Saigon	*Porthos*	17th Feb.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	*Pres. Taft* ...	18th Feb.
Europe via Suez letters & papers London, 21st, Jan. and Parcels 14th, Jan.	*Khiva* ...	20th Feb.
Japan	*Mishima Maru* ...	23rd Feb.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai ...	*Pres. Jefferson*	24th Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date	
Fort Bayard, Hoihow and Haiphong ...	*Song Bo* ...	Wednesday, 17th,	8.30 A M
Japan, *Canada, *U.S.A., *C. & *S. America & *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 11th March	*Tyndareus* ...	Parcels	9.00 A M
		Reg.	9.45 A M
		Letters	10.30 A M
Straits and Calcutta	*Kutsang* ...	Parcels	9.00 A M
		Letters	10.00 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...	*Amakusa Maru* ...		9.30 A M
Bangkok	*Hopsang* ...		10.00 A M
Shanghai, *Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	*Porthos* ...		12.30 P M
Shanghai	*Kwongsang* ...		3.30 P M
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	*Taikwa Maru* ...	Thursday, 18th,	8.30 A M
Touvane & Quinhon	*Dewawongse* ...		8.30 A M
Japan	*Tango Maru* ...		9.30 A M
Straits and Calcutta	*Tilawa* ...	Parcels	10.00 A M
		Letters	11.00 A M
Sandakan	*Hinsang* ...		1.30 P M
Japan	*Macassar Maru* ...		1.30 P M
Bangkok	*Kiangsu*		2.30 P M
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & *EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 10th March	*Emp. of Australia*	Parcels	5.00 P M
		Reg. 19th,	9.15 A M
		Letters	10.00 A M
Java via Batavia	*Bandoeng Maru*	Friday, 19th,	8.30 A M
Straits	*Pembrokeshire* ...		8.30 A M
Haiphong	*Kaying* ...		10.00 A M
Saigon and Bangkok	*Sakkow Maru* ...		12.30 P M
Manila	*Pres. Taft* ...		1.30 P M
Amoy	*Anhui* ...		3.30 P M
Haiphong	*New Mathilde* ...		5.00 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th March	*Karmala* ...	Parcels	5.00 P M
		Reg. 20th,	9.45 A M
		Letters	10.30 A M
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *Canada, *U.S.A., *C. & *S. America & *EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 18th March ...	*Siberia Maru* ...	Saturday, 20th, Parcels	9.15 A M
		Letters	10.00 A M
Java via Batavia ...	*Tjikini*		10.00 A M
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 12th March, & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)—(Ship sails on Sunday, the 21st inst., at 5 p.m.)	*Pres. McKinley*	Parcels	3.00 P M
		Reg.	4.15 P M
		Letters	5.00 P M
Shanghai, *Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only) ...	*Khiva*		5.00 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Kaijo Maru* ...	Sunday, 21st,	9.00 A M
Saigon	*Hupeh*		9.00 A M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 24th March	*Automedon* ...	Tuesday, 23rd, Reg.	1.45 P M
		Letters	2.30 P M

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On Paris.—	
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Telegraphic Tranfer ...	156¼
Bank Bills, on demand ...	
On Calcutta.—	
Telegraphic Transfer ...	156¼
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On Shanghai.—	
Bank Bills, at sight ...	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight ...	
On Yokohama.—On demand	127¼
On Manila.—On demand	115½
On Singapore.—On demand	101¼
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On Haiphong.—On demand... ...	nom.
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For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
A. H. BARLOW,
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Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. [2

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A. H. FERGUSON,
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Hongkong, April 15th, 1925. [38

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A. LECOT,
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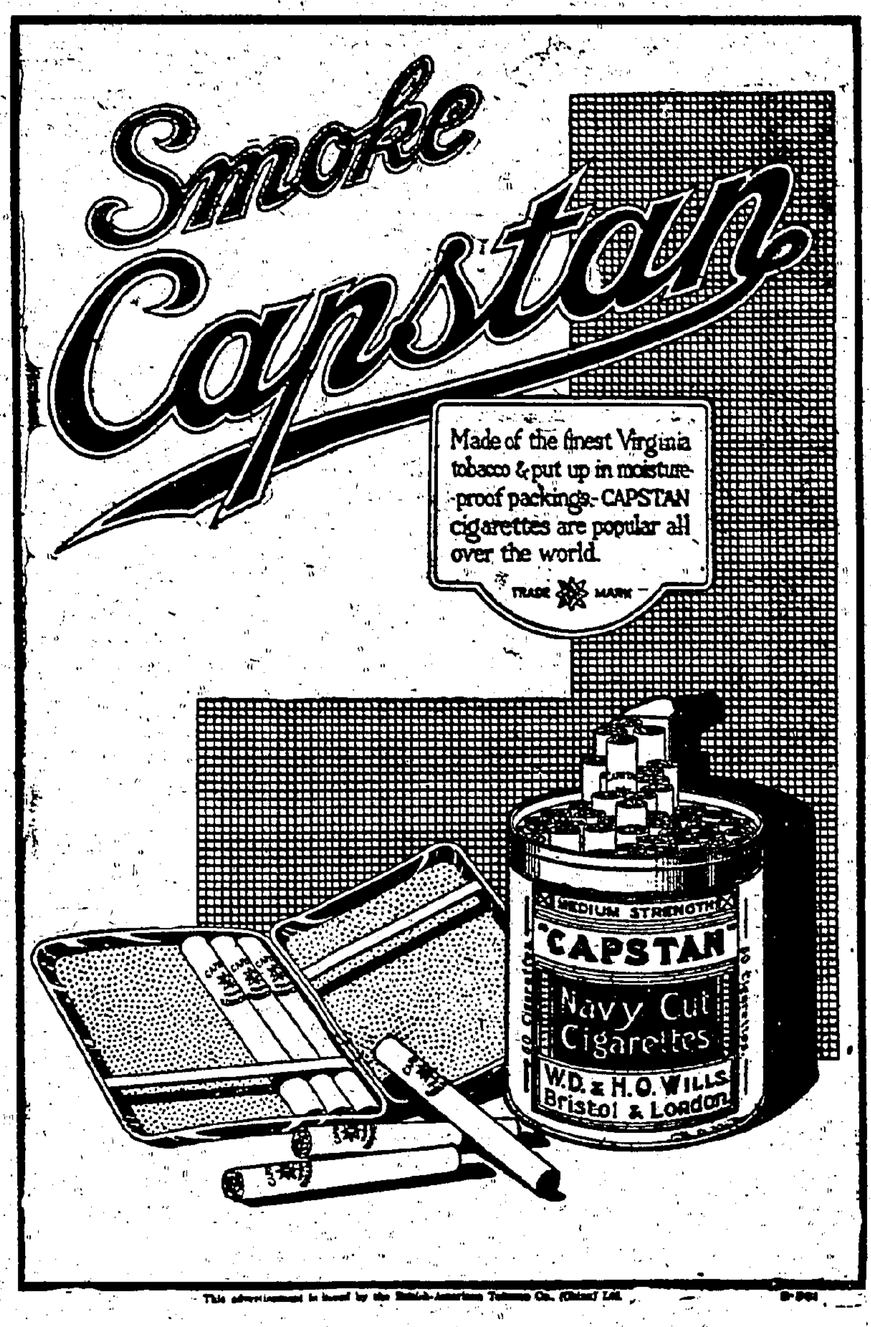
Hongkong, 20th March, 1924. [38



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J. B. ROSS,
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7, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, April 17th, 1925. [29

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A. ROLLIN,
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T. TAKAGI.
Manager,
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